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DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT ELECTED	RECEIPTS
1882....	Cincinnati, O.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	$17,875 60
1883....	Cincinnati, O.....	Mrs. John Davis, V-P.....	17,039 83
1884....	Cleveland, O.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	35,035 41
1885....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	45,582 04
1886....	Detroit, Mich.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	51,993 86
1887....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	72,400 13
1888....	Boston, Mass.....	Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.....	114,942 01
1889....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	147,037 07
1890....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	154,094 34
1891....	Washington, D. C.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	149,645 49
1892....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	Mrs. John Davis.....	146,300 16
1893....	Toledo, O.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	125,791 63
1894....	Williamsport, Pa.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	145,781 33
1895....	Columbus, O.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	140,151 34
1896....	Springfield, Ill.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	132,897 15
1897....	Baltimore, Md.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	135,163 85
1898....	Minneapolis, Minn.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	278,582 84
1899....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	336,412 91
1900....	Chicago, Ill.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	341,581 24
1901....	New York, N. Y.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	458,335 51
1902....	Kansas City, Mo.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	341,243 26
1903....	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	394,315 71
1904....	Denver, Col.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	490,533 03
1905....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	621,674 54
1906....	Lincoln, Neb.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	465,877 02
1907....	Brookline, Mass.....	Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.....	434,737 60
1908....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	485,511 49
1909....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	612,445 17
1910....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	704,039 12
1911....	Wichita, Kan.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	743,519 02
1912....	Des Moines, Ia.....	Mrs. George O. Robinson.....	810,778 34

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Alice Williams	Chicago, Ill.
Pearle Rich	Toledo, Ia.
Josephine Corbin	Ocean Grove.
Nettalee Waldeck	Denver, Colo.
Margaret Flanders	Chicago, Ill.
Ida L. Kahlo	Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. C. W. Harton	
Millicent Corps	Troy, N. Y.
Mary Crawford	Barre, Vt.
Grace Dawson	Dundee, Ill.
Vieve Souders	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ella M. Orme	Warrensburg, Mo.
Ada Hibbard	Wellington, Kan.
Emeline V. Garrett	York, Neb.
Mary Beard	Cedar Falls, Ia.
Ida Mitchell	Hammond, Ind.
Mrs. H. Ida Benson	Warren, R. I.
Anna Goodwin	Des Moines, Ia.
Muriel B. Forester	Provo, Utah.
Cortes K. Swartz	Rapid City, S. D.
Martha Tomkinson	Harrisburg, Pa.
Ellen Tomkinson	Harrisburg, Pa.
Ada O. Naylor	
Daisy Whipple	
Lida J. Woodruff	Toledo, Ohio.
Inez A. Bahes	Toledo, Ohio.
Abigail L. Symonds	Toledo, Ohio.
Lydia Hodek	Cleveland, Ohio.
Flora Jacobs	Phoenix, Ariz.
Leslie Lane	Oskaloosa, Kan.
Mary Hunnings (Ret.)	Allegheny, Pa.
Caroline Rotes (Ret.)	Denver, Colo.
Nettie M. Swartz	New Oxford, Pa.
Mrs. Ella Johnson	Cannon City, Colo.
Katherine Wheatley	Carmen, Okla.
Lucy Curtis	
Emma Anderson	Orrion, Ill.
Mrs. Mary Widaman	
Clara Naylor	Springfield, Mo.
Ruby Davis	Wilmington, Del.
Dr. Nellie M. Cramer	Newton, Kan.
Edna Ruhlen	Baldwin, Kan.
Ida May DeWitt	
Nancy E. Dorey	Clearfield, Pa.
Kristine Peterson (Ret.)	Baltimore, Md.
Lucy Valentine	Mountclair, N. J.
Luella E. Wann	Boaz, Ala.
Mary Wood	Texas.
Anna Bassett	Circleville, Ohio.
Ollie Stewart	Merwin, Kan.
Pearl C. Prentice	Manzanola, Colo.
Alice Walton	Kansas City, Mo.
Beulah Clement	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Nelle M. Correll	Des Moines, Ia.

PROBATIONERS.

Mary E. Carpenter	Amsterdam, N. Y.
Nina McCosh	Herrington, Kan.
Maude Steichelman	Kansas City, Mo.

DEACONESSES IN STATIONS.

LICENSED.

Edith Gorby	Albuquerque, N. M.
Stella Corbin	Albuquerque, N. M.
Sadie J. Sheffer	Altoona, Pa.
Adda May Trout	Altoona, Pa.
Elizabeth Johnson	Ashland, Ky.
Emma Lane	Berkeley, Cal.
Carrie E. Reynolds	Bristol, Ct.
Rebecca Willitts	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Susie Blackman	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Frances E. Platt	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Elizabeth M. Hamson	Burlington, Vt.
Anna Hopkinson	Burlington, Ia.
Rebecca Weigle	Boise, Idaho.
Blanche Freeman	Chanute, Kan.
Margaret F. Bell	Binghamton, N. Y.
Mary E. Gould	East St. Louis, Mo.
Iva Hurlbut Gillespie	Eldorado, Ill.
Minnie M. Christy	Dunlap, Ia.
Geneva McCrory	Fresno, Cal.
Sylvia M. Lawrence	Hurley, Wis.
Lottie Conner	Indianapolis, Ind.
Irene Duncan	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mary Knapp	Indianapolis, Ind.
Anna Morris	Indianapolis, Ind.
Sadie Osborne	Indianapolis, Ind.
Josie Ragle	Indianapolis, Ind.
Blanche Brackney	Kokomo, Ind.
Jessie Pratt	Long Beach, Cal.
Elizabeth Larish	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Ada L. Applegate	Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
Frieda Schmickle	Alburnett, Ia.
Katherine Weybrew	Oakland, Cal.
Essie Jebb	Oakland, Cal.
Donna Cooley	Olive Hill, Ky.
Ada Breckenridge	Pasadena, Cal.
Eunice Sayre	Pasadena, Cal.
Sallie B. Heisler	Paterson, N. J.
Ella M. Lathrop	Port Chester, N. Y.
Helen Peck	Sacramento, Cal.
Addie E. Benedict	Salina, Kan.
Clara Baxter	Salina, Kan.
May Reed	San Pedro, Cal.
Mary J. Ryan	St. Joseph, Mo.
Katherine Butcher	Syracuse, N. Y.
C. A. Converse	Syracuse, N. Y.
Lucy Reas	Watsonville, Cal.
Martha Joiner	St. Louis, Mo.
Matilda Vorpe	Marion, Ind.
Martha Bowers	Ridgeway, Pa.
Bena Alberta Anderson	Ft. Scott, Kan.
Sarah P. Taylor	Independence, Kan.
Beulah May Rayson	Hamilton, Kan.
Rosa Simpson	Marshall, Tex.
Ida Peirce	Ft. Dodge, Ia.
Ethel Herron	Oil City, Pa.

PROBATIONERS.

Mame F. Jericho	Washington, Ia.
Cathryn Minnich	Waterloo, Ia.
Gertie O'Rear	Enid, Okla.
Stella M. Crouse	Norfolk, Neb.
Bertha Griffitts	Valley Falls, Kan.
Blanche Yoxall	Beloit, Kan.
Elizabeth Hartman	Cozad, Neb.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-first Annual Meeting

HELD IN

FIRST CHURCH, DES MOINES, IOWA,

OCTOBER 16-23, 1912.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in First Church, Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday morning, October 16, 1912, at 9 o'clock.

The President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, of Detroit, Mich., called the Convention to order and introduced Rev. J. R. Woodcock, D. D., President of the Iowa Bible Training School, who conducted the devotional service. The hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung, followed by prayer for the Divine presence and help through the coming days of the meeting.

The twenty-eighth verse of the twentieth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles was read, "Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the Church of the Lord, which He purchased with His own blood."

A timely, personal admonition that in the pressing duties of the convention we should not become too busy to keep in right personal relations with God. That only so could we be able to feed the flock of Christ, two-thirds of which were represented by this body. That as overseers of this flock we were here to take note of every need and condition of this great undivided flock, purchased by the blood of Christ. And that we had not chosen ourselves for this duty, but had been appointed by God.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach requested the President to repeat her memory verse for the day. And that "ye study to be quiet," to which Mrs. Robinson added, "In confidence and quietness shall be your strength," and she reminded the members of the Convention that they were not here

for themselves, but as one that serveth. That each one present represented nearly one thousand members, for whom they were to think and act; and that these in turn, scattered among ninety millions of people, were to teach those millions that America is God's country.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Recording Secretary, organized the Convention.

The following ladies were nominated by Mrs. Aiken as Assistant Secretaries, and the nomination was confirmed: Mrs. E. L. Albright, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Noah K. Yount, Troy, Ohio; Mrs. S. S. Beggs, Topeka, Kan., and Miss Greeta Leigh, Delaware, Ohio.

A Committee on the nomination of the Standing Committees was formed as follows: Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. Dan Brummitt, Mrs. L. G. Murphy.

Mrs. Aiken presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Mrs. B. S. Potter has attended every Annual Meeting since 1888, and served most ably as Assistant Secretary since 1890, also given our Society devoted service as Secretary of the Bureau for Utah since 1894, and is now in Europe for a year's absence; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of her loyalty and faithfulness in the discharge of responsibilities assumed during the past twenty-four years; also

Resolved, That while we shall miss her co-operation in the work of the Convention and regret her absence, we assure her of loving remembrance and send our sisterly greetings, hoping for a happy reunion at our next Annual Meeting.

The report of the Committee on Transportation was given by the Chairman, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, who said that the legislation of recent years made it impossible for the Committee to continue the efforts of former years and she asked for an honorable discharge, which was granted.

In presenting the matter of "Our Daily Paper," Mrs. Robinson expressed the regret of Mrs. Levi Gilbert because of her enforced absence, and spoke of the qualifications of Mrs. Laura B. Ennis for this editorial work. Mrs. Ward Platt, who had given able service, and Mrs. Ennis were introduced to the Convention. Mrs. Platt said that she trusted the ladies would not think they knew what we wanted them to say, but that information and material for the paper would be furnished them.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey, of New York City, was present and gave detailed instruction as to subscriptions to the paper.

Two stanzas of the hymn which Frances Willard had declared to be the hymn for all Methodist women—"A charge to keep I have"—were sung.

The report of the Bureau for Mission Supplies was given by the Secretary, Mrs. E. Y. King. She plead that since the work of this Bureau was business for the King, it should be conducted in a business-like way and attention given to the necessary details. She reported growing interest and enthusiasm in the work.

Five hundred and seventy-nine appeals had been provided for, and a total of $87,397.45 had been given in cash and new goods, of which ministers had received $41,500.

Following a mention by the President of the efficient, unremitting efforts of the Secretary, Mrs. King, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion of Mrs. I. D. Jones, the Program, as prepared by the Committee on Program was adopted as the official order of exercises of the Convention.

The large number of Conference Treasurers present in the Convention were presented and their length of service stated.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was submitted, and various questions, as to administration, increase in funds, and other matters were answered. The report exhibited:

Total Receipts	$872,250.76
Total Disbursements	871,128.16
Balance	$1,122.60

and was adopted with applause, and the Doxology sung. (See Report.)

The annual report of the Committee on Bequest and Devise was given by the Chairman, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, of Madisonville, Ohio. The report showed that the amount paid on Bequests during the year reached a total of $5,517.94, and that the litigation in the matter of the Fannie Murray Bequest had resulted in the judgment of the Court at Topeka, Kan., that this fund belonged to the Kansas Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of Mrs. I. J. Reynolds, of Pasadena, Cal., Secretary of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence, was read by Mrs. J. B. Green, of the Southern California Conference. The report was adopted, with expressions of appreciation for the devoted service of Mrs. Reynolds, and regret at her absence. (See Report.)

Mrs. Robinson called attention to the fact that our Society had been the leader among organizations in calling the attention of the Church to the matter of Tithing and Systematic Beneficence.

Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, of Des Moines, Iowa, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, made announcements for the convenience and comfort of the Convention.

Mrs. I. D. Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, chairman of the Exhibit Com-

mittee, gave an expression of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of her work at the General Conference and in this city, and desired that they now take charge of their various contributions.

Rev. W. L. Brown, D. D., District Superintendent of the Des Moines District, was introduced to the Convention, and after a closing prayer by Mrs. A. H. Webb, President of Vermont Conference, pronounced the benediction, and adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

TO the strains of the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the congregation gathered for the communion service, which was in charge of Rev. G. W. L. Brown, D. D., who was assisted by eight pastors of the Methodist Churches of Des Moines. This service was impressive, as the great congregation of women representing every State in the Union gathered in groups about the Lord's table.

At the conclusion of this solemn service the President called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Aiken introduced one of her new Assistants, Mrs. Noah K. Yount, of Troy, Ohio, who had been for twelve years the Recording Secretary of the Cincinnati Conference and was now its President.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright and adopted.

The Conference Presidents were invited to the platform and introduced by Mrs. J. W. Price, President of the Detroit Conference, to our President, who in turn introduced them to the Convention, and the twenty-three Conference Presidents were received with applause.

The terms of office of these ladies ranged from a few weeks to more than a score of years, Mrs. A. C. Peck, of Denver, having served the Colorado Conference twenty-one years. Mrs. O. G. Ragan, of Kentucky, was the baby President.

The Conference Corresponding Secretaries, numbering more than forty, responded to a similar invitation and as introduced by Mrs. A. E. Griffith, of the Des Moines Conference, were also greeted with applause. Mrs. C. L. Roach, of the Baltimore Conference, was especially noticed as serving her twenty-sixth consecutive year in this office. Miss Flora Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary of the Atlanta Conference, was received with continuous applause, because of the fact that she is now entering upon her thirtieth year as a Missionary of this Society.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Negus, of the Iowa Conference, were presented as most generous patrons of many of our institutions, among them being Shesler Deaconess Home, at Sioux City, Iowa, Stickney Home, Jesse Lee Home, the Training School for Colored Deaconesses, and others. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in

Christian love," was sung as an indication of the feeling that had prompted such generous giving, and the love and admiration in which the Society holds these beloved people.

The annual report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Williams, was then listened to with intense interest. Mrs. Williams told of the increase in membership—Auxiliaries, 6,423; Young People, 3,661, a total gain of 10,084, the total number of members being 159,433, not including Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels. She told of our completed enterprises, and those under way—of work recommended—of the consecration of our missionaries—of the arduous duties performed by our Bureau Secretaries, and the need of support—the deprecation of criticism of any of our loyal women, and the necessity of training our young people and children for Christian service, and the burden of responsibility resting upon the Auxiliary members in organizing and caring for them. This splendid report was accepted with great applause. (See Report.)

The annual address of the President was next in order, and Mrs. Robinson was greeted with enthusiasm and applause, and in her introductory remarks quoted this statement of one of our Secretaries, that "Home Missions had made Iowa one of the most luminously white spots on the map."

Mrs. Robinson referred to the action of the General Conference relating to some phases of our work—spoke of the "advanced recognition of woman's work"—of the "Evils of Polygamous Mormonism," and entreated the women of the Society to multiply their Reading Circles and Study Classes in order to enlighten themselves and others on this subject. One special feature of the address was the suggestion that our Society join with other Churches in asking our Government to provide for workers in a Bureau of Social Purity to combat with the "White Slave Traffic." The subject of a Sustentation Fund for our pastors on the frontier and in small appointments was given particular attention, and quotations made from reports of a number of District Superintendents as to small salaries paid the pastor in their Districts created intense interest. These and other recommendations and information concerning the splendid work of our Society made the President's address one of the best features of our meeting. (See Address.)

On motion of Mrs. Roach, a rising vote of thanks was given to the President and Corresponding Secretary, as an appreciation of these fine reports.

Mrs. Cotton Mather, Field Secretary, just returned from a three weeks' trip in Idaho, related some instances of hardship endured by frontier pastors. These brought responses from a number of women familiar with such conditions, and the following were invited to the platform, who in a few words related other instances: Mrs. Webb,

of Vermont; Mrs. Bodkin, of Southern California; Mrs. Dyson, of North Minnesota; Mrs. Blake, of Columbia River, and Mrs. Hickman, of Northwest Iowa Conferences.

After some discussion of the subject, the following resolution presented by Mrs. Albright was adopted: "That a Sustentation Fund be established and that a plan for this fund be prepared by the Board of Trustees and presented to the Convention for adoption."

On motion of Mrs. D. D. Thompson, the Recording Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the "Presbyterian Synod of the State of Iowa," now in session in the city.

An invitation to visit the Methodist Hospital in the city was extended to all delegates and visitors.

Dr. W. H. Wilder, Superintendent of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School at Washington, D. C., was introduced and pronounced the benediction, and adjournment followed until 7.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE session opened at 7.30 o'clock, with the President, Mrs. Robinson, in the chair. After singing "How firm a foundation," by the congregation, the vested choir of the Church formed a beautiful processional while the grand old hymn, "Jerusalem, the golden," was sung with enthusiasm.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. John L. Hillman, D. D., pastor of First Methodist Church. "O, could I speak His matchless worth!" was sung by the great congregation, after which Dr. Hillman read the Scripture lesson from John 13, where Peter, at the Last Supper, refusing first to allow the Savior to wash his feet, finally declared to his Master that He might wash not only his feet, but his hands and his head, and the lesson that the servant should not be greater than his lord was deeply impressed upon us all. Dr. Hillman led in an earnest prayer, thanking God that in the time of our country's greatest need He had raised up this goodly company of Christian women, who had gone forth into the hard places, bringing joy and comfort by their ministrations. At the close of the devotional service the large chorus choir favored us with a beautiful anthem of praise.

The President introduced His Excellency, the Governor of Iowa, B. F. Carroll, who in gracious manner welcomed the Convention to the State of Iowa. In a happy vein, he praised the women for work accomplished, and for the coming of the delegates from Alaska and Porto Rico, and from the States between. Before the Governor had concluded his words of greeting, we all felt that we were indeed "well-come" to the city to which all roads in Iowa lead, the city which surpasses Rome, in that

she sits upon more than seven hills, and unlike that wicked city, stands for civic righteousness.

Welcome to the Methodism of the city was given by Rev. O. W. Fifer, D. D., of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. He stated that in eighteen different places in the city the gospel is proclaimed from Methodist pulpits. He welcomed our womanhood because he declared that woman was never pessimistic, always hopeful, never discouraged. He also complimented the city of Des Moines for its attitude toward womanhood, the home, and the mother, and said that as Des Moines is near the heart of the land, so her welcome to us was literally from the heart.

Mrs. Griffith, Corresponding Secretary of Des Moines Conference, gave welcome for the Conference. With a happy beginning, she stated that thirteen years ago, when the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was started in the Conference, there were thirteen organizations; while to-day there were more than one hundred organizations, with an income of $15,000, and we were indeed welcome, having come for the love of Christ and in His name.

A twofold welcome from the "Interdenominational and Convention Union" was given by Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, of Des Moines, who is the efficient President of these Unions. She beautifully described the preparations made for this meeting by the Des Moines women, comparing them with preparations made for the journey up the Jungfrau Mountain, where, in spite of difficulties and hardships, the top of the mountain was finally reached, and the vision so clear and beautiful that all the hardships were forgotten, and anticipations realized in the joy of having the Convention.

The response to these most cordial words of welcome was given by Mrs. Nettie Tedrick, Corresponding Secretary of Southwest Kansas Conference. In well chosen words, she noted the expansion of our Society, and trusted that our coming might be an inspiration and help to the Church in Des Moines, and prayed that God's blessing might rest, as the dews of heaven, upon the spiritual soil of Des Moines, making it fertile with love and joy in service.

Mr. Campbell, of Des Moines, gave vocally a beautiful rendition of the Twenty-Third Psalm, after which Mrs. Hollingsworth, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, made some announcements concerning the reception which was to follow.

Mrs. Aiken announced a prayer service for 8.30 o'clock on Thursday morning, to be conducted by Mrs. A. C. Peck. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Hillman. An informal reception followed, and the Des Moines ladies proved themselves gracious hostesses.

THURSDAY MORNING.

PROMPTLY at 9 o'clock the President, Mrs. Robinson, occupied the chair, and Mrs. I. D. Jones conducted the devotional services. "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" was sung, and Mrs. Jones gave selections from God's Word, emphasizing "He that winneth souls is wise," and then prayed for Divine love, deeper consecration, and fullness of the Holy Spirit to fit us for His work.

Mrs. Jones said the burden of the Church for the past two generations was for enlarged opportunities, that the doors of foreign lands might be opened, that missionaries might gain access to the hearts of the people.

God abundantly answered this prayer in that the doors opened both ways—that the missionaries might go in and the people might come out—that the salvation of the world might be carried on in America as well as in foreign lands.

In these incoming millions we see God's greatest moving picture of the ages—we see our golden opportunity, responsibility, and privilege.

God always prepares His faithful ones for their responsibilities. We see His hand in the organization of our Society, and reports come from our devoted missionaries and deaconesses throughout our land of their work in soul-saving. The work is so vast that we urge the members of our Society, not only to give their silver and gold, but *themselves* to personal work.

At the conclusion of this devotional service Mrs. Jones offered the following:

WHEREAS, God is sending the peoples of the earth to our country to be Christianized; therefore,

Resolved, First—That a Committee on Evangelism be formed, whose duty it shall be to urge the members of our Society to engage in personal work for the salvation of the people about us with greater zeal and earnestness than ever before; to disseminate literature and to present the subject of soul-saving at our various meetings and Conventions; that our Society may become with each succeeding year a greater power for the evangelization of the world.

Second—That the formation of said Committee be referred to the Board of Trustees to be re-committed to the Convention, with recommendations, before its adjournment.

On motion of Mrs. Roach, seconded by Miss Van Marter, these resolutions were adopted.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon session were presented by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and those of Wednesday evening session by Mrs. N. K. Yount and adopted.

The report of the Special Committee, appointed to constitute the Standing Committees, submitted through its Secretary, Mrs. Brummitt, the following report:

Courtesies.—Ladies of the Convention Church.

Hospitality.—Mrs. N. M. Richardson, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. R. H. Young, Mrs. Naomi Day, Mrs. Daniel Onstott, Mrs. Mattie E. Ferguson, Mrs. Spriggs Ratcliff, Mrs. Dan B. Brummitt.

Enrollment.—Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Mrs. D. B. Street, Mrs. W. C. Hayward.

Church Press.—Miss Martha Van Marter. With power to choose assistants.

Pulpit Supply.—Rev. G. W. L. Brown, D. D., Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Albright.

Place of meeting.—Mrs. D. M. Bailey, Mrs. B. U. Taylor, Mrs. O. G. Ragan, Mrs. John Secor, Mrs. Chas. F. Thirkield.

By-Laws.—Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. J. W. Price, Mrs. Joseph Rae, Mrs. M. D. Moores, Mrs. P. M. Watters, Mrs. J. F. Warren, Mrs. W. C. Hayward.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward, Mrs. E. F. Safford, Mrs. A. J. Benjamin, Mrs. R. H. Beggs, Mrs. Luther Taylor.

Adopted.

It was ordered that time be given in the afternoon session for the consideration of the Conference boundaries affected by action of the last General Conference.

Mrs. D. A. Minard submitted the appended resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the appropriation asked for from the Conferences as conditional gifts shall be given for furnishings for the various Homes presented, unless otherwise stated.

The meeting adjourned in favor of meeting of Committee on Finance.

When the committee arose, at the noon hour, Mrs. Robinson resumed the chair.

Prayer for added strength and courage for the Master's work was offered by Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Rev. S. W. Davis, D. D., of the Coke Mission, Pittsburgh Conference, pronounced the benediction, and adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened at 2 o'clock, with the President, Mrs. Robinson, in the chair.

The Quiet Hour, conducted by Mrs. A. C. Peck, Denver, Colo., was opened by singing "Come, Holy Spirit." After reading from 2 Tim. 1-17 she spoke on the "Holy Spirit" and told how Christ spent the first thirty years of His life in preparation and obedience to the Holy Spirit. If we would be leaders we must be willing to be led by that Spirit.

The gifts of courage, power, love, and wisdom, all come from perfect obedience to the Holy Spirit. After a short prayer, "Soldiers of the cross, arise," was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

Mrs. D. L. Rhone moved that a night letter be sent to Mrs. W. F. McDowell, President of The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, whose Executive Committee is now in session in Baltimore, giving our receipts and membership, also our greetings. Carried.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Roach were appointed to send the message.

Moved by Mrs. D. D. Thompson that the Recording Secretary be requested to telegraph to the several Church Advocates the receipts and membership for the past year. Carried.

Convention adjourned in favor of the Finance Committee.

At quarter of four the Committee arose and all joined in singing one verse of "He leadeth me."

At this time our hostesses were introduced and Mrs. Robinson very graciously thanked them for the splendid manner in which they are providing for our comfort.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley presented the matter of the Sustentation Fund. She said "it is a child of our President and a matter of great importance which should receive due consideration"—and asked Mrs. Robinson to speak on the question.

Mrs. Robinson then spoke of a trip through the Northwest when she saw the necessity of such a fund. She told how it would commend us to the pastors, and that it would open the pulpits in all the country to our Society. That each Conference should decide for itself and have its Conference officer and this officer should report to a national officer appointed by this body. After discussion the matter was postponed without action.

The decision of the General Conference to unite some of the Conferences was brought up and the question was asked as to how it would affect our Conference organizations. Mrs. C. W. Bickley said that inasmuch as many of our Conference Societies are incorporated and have their corporation titles by which they receive legacies and gifts, "I move that we retain, for the present year at least, our Conference organizations as they are—with the same representation in the Board of Managers as they now have." This was seconded, but after much discussion Mrs. Bickley and Mrs. Albright were appointed a committee to change the wording of the motion and to present it at some future time.

Dr. Wilder pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING.

THE meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. Robinson, and the devotions were conducted by Mrs. B. F. Carroll. " All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung and the twenty-third Psalm repeated in unison, after which Mrs. Carroll offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Then "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts," was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were submitted by Mrs. S. S. Beggs, and adopted.

In introducing Mrs. D. B. Street, Secretary of the Bureau for Hospitals, Mrs. Robinson said that ten years ago, within three years over $250,000 worth of hospital property was offered our Society which we could not accept, because there were no trained deaconesses to take charge.

Mrs. Street told of the growth in interest in our hospital work, until now there are eight hospitals under Conference control, in which over 13,000 people have been ministered to by Christian nurses, twenty per cent of whom were charity patients.

There is great need for hospital work among the colored people, and for the tubercular patients in New Mexico.

Bishop Naphtali Luccock sent the following message: "Tell the women of the Home Missionary Society to put their loving arms about the Hospital in Rapid City, South Dakota, for the people there have to work against difficulties." Report accepted. (See Report.)

The dispensary work of Marcy Home Center was presented by Dr. McEwen. The neighborhood in which Marcy Home Center is located is ninety per cent Jewish—with Italians, Greeks, and Russians. A trained nurse and worker, who speak these different languages, are employed to do "follow-up work."

The work there is specifically for women, as that is the greatest need. The Home Missionary Society is doing a work there which keeps the mother in the home. One-third of the women need hospital treatment. They can be reached only by women physicians.

Rev. C. R. Montgomery told us that Graham Hospital, at Keokuk, Iowa, is valued at $30,000, and contains 30 rooms. The needs are many. Mrs. Robinson gave Rev. Montgomery gracious words of encouragement and assured him of her personal interest.

Dr. Graham, of the Methodist Hospital, at Des Moines, Iowa, spoke encouragingly of the work in that city.

The audience was charmed by two vocal selections by Mr. Ellis Roads, of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Dr. B. S. Haywood, Superintendent of Hospital Work in Washington, gave the boundaries of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the form of a parallelogram, in which work must be done in thirty-seven different languages.

Two influences are at work at Washington, D. C., which make that city

a storm center for Christianity—the Roman Catholic Church, a political as well as a religious organization, and Mormonism.

The religion of America must be:

First—An unfettered faith.

Second—A living faith.

Third—A triumphant faith.

In the new hospital building at Washington, Robinson Hall, there is to be a children's ward.

In presenting the work among the white children of the South, Mrs. Anna D. Elder told of the transforming influences of the McCleskey Home in Alabama over the lives of the girls and the homes in that State—giving many interesting instances.

Mrs. H. M. Naysmith has touched the lives of 1,300 girls during her seventeen years in Adeline Smith Home—of those 1,300 only 12 have been a disappointment, and from the fifty girls who have received diplomas there only one has fallen. A large percentage of the girls are in great demand as teachers, and many as instructors in dress-making.

A violin solo by Mr. Simpson Harvey, of Indianola, was a beautiful closing to the evening.

Dr. Haywood pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned until Friday, 9 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE session opened with an organ voluntary, and the singing of the grand old hymn, "Oh! for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise." Mrs. W. C. Hayward, Corresponding Secretary of Upper Iowa Conference, read the Scripture lesson from First John, third chapter, of which the central thought was, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be, for when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is;" and "Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." Mrs. Van Ness offered an earnest prayer. "How firm a foundation," the hymn so helpful to Christian faith, was sung and the devotional services ended.

Mrs. Robinson, in giving the Convention the thought for the day, spoke of the treasures of experience which each woman present had, and urged them to speak to one another of these rich treasures, taking for our verse for the day, "But to do good and to communicate, forget not."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Miss Greeta Leigh and adopted.

Time having come for the Finance Committee to go into session a motion to adjourn was carried.

When the Finance Committee arose, the Convention was called to order, and further business considered in the form of a motion made by Mrs. Roach, that the Convention act upon the recommendation made by Mrs. Robinson in the Finance Committee, that the Board be authorized to borrow $5,000 for a building fund for the McCrum Training School at Uniontown, Pa., which motion carried.

Dr. Haywood pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until 1 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

THE meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. A. C. Peck took charge of the Quiet Hour. After singing the hymns, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening power, and "I need Thee every hour," a few moments were spent in silent prayer, after which Mrs. C. L. Roach led in a petition for Divine guidance.

Mrs. Ryan sang most effectively the hymn, "Hover o'er us, Holy Spirit."

Mrs. Peck's remarks were based upon our watchword for the closing year, "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." She said: the "Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Power, and Spiritual power is inseparable from God. Working for God may be weary, but God working through us is exhilaration. The form of Godliness without its Power is a menace and we need faith and prayer to set off the dynamite of God's Power." This season of thoughtfulness and contemplation was closed by singing the hymn, "O Master, let me live with Thee."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Yount, and adopted.

Miss Bancroft, Superintendent of the Deaconess Department, introduced by name and fitting remarks each of the thirty deaconesses, as they passed over the platform led by Miss Anna Neiderhauser, Superintendent of the Kansas City Training School. The pupils of the Iowa Bible Training School, under the leadership of Mrs. C. N. Hummill, Director of Music in that institution, sang several beautiful songs.

Mrs. D. A. Minard, Secretary of the Bureau for Training Schools, introduced the following ladies as Conference Managers: Mrs. Squires of South Kansas, Mrs. Staples of Central Pennsylvania, Mrs. Matthew Pinkerton of Rock River, Mrs. C. C. Crowell of Des Moines, and Mrs. J. W. Price of Detroit.

The following telegram was read by Mrs. Aiken: "The Convention of Bohemian Slavic Methodist Preachers, assembled at the John Huss Methodist Episcopal Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, recognize and appreciate greatly your interest and work among the immigrants of our race, and pray God's blessing upon you and your work."

The President requested Mrs. Mary Fisk Park and Mrs. G. E. Park of the New England Conference to reply with greetings of this body.

The Chairman of Committee on Courtesies then introduced the following persons: Mrs. W. W. Brown, Manager National Training School, Northwest Iowa Conference; Mrs. W. H. Arnold, Treasurer of the Des Moines Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Rev. Lester Fagan, Superintendent of City Missions, and his wife; Rev. A. A. Thompson, of Des Moines Conference; Rev. Paul H. Macbeth, Superintendent of Black Hills Mission, and Rev. De Francisco, Pastor of Italian Mission in Des Moines.

Mrs. C. C. Crowell read a paper on "The Duties of the Training School Manager and her Importance to the Society," which contained many valuable and practical suggestions, and on motion of Miss Jean Oram this paper was ordered printed in pamphlet form for Training Schools and Conference Officers.

The Bureau Secretaries of the Deaconess Department were introduced by the President: Mrs. C. W. Boswell of the Eastern Bureau, representing 16 Homes and 7 Stations; Miss Jean Oram of the Central Bureau, 11 Homes and 5 Stations; Mrs. John Bush of the Western Bureau, 7 Homes and 17 Stations; Mrs. John Stephens of the Pacific Coast Bureau, 2 Homes and 11 Stations, and Mrs. M. C. B. Mason of the Colored Bureau, 3 Stations and the prospective Training School for Colored Deaconesses.

Miss Bancroft submitted her Annual Report dealing with the great problems connected with the selection and training of these valuable workers in our Church and Society, calling particular attention to the necessity of selecting cultured, refined, and spiritually-minded young women for this office.

Miss Francis M. Cummings, Treasurer of the Permanent Deaconess Fund, in her report, said, that our Society had in the past year paid out about $100 per month for support and care of disabled deaconesses. This Permanent Fund was for the use of any and all sick deaconesses in our ranks who might require it. The amount now in the Fund is $12,297.88, invested in annuities and bonds. At this time there are 12 deaconesses who are supported entirely from the income of this Fund.

Miss Cummings requested for this most worthy object the best support of the Society for the veterans already in the ranks and for the coming recruits.

It was explained by the President that our missionaries and deaconesses have back of them the treasury of this great Society.

Mrs. Minard reported the gift of a beautiful lot, 150 feet square, at Chautauqua, N. Y., on which to erect a Rest Home for deaconesses. The name of the generous donor was withheld for the present.

Miss Corbin told of the restful accommodations at the Bancroft Rest Home at Ocean Grove, and asked for pledges and gifts, stating the fact that more than 100 deaconesses or missionaries had for a longer or shorter period visited the Home this year.

Mrs. McDowell pledged $25 from the Northwest Kansas Conference, and Mrs. Hillis of California Conference announced a gift of $50 from a deaconess to this Home.

Miss Stacks, Assistant Superintendent of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, told of the work done there in Educational, Industrial, Medical, and Spiritual lines. She related instances of the conversion of fathers in the neighborhood, and said, the old-time religion was still received with joy by many. This remark incited the singing with fervor the old song, now almost unknown to the younger generation, "The old-time religion is good enough for me."

Prayer was offered by Miss Sophie Sprague, and adjournment until 7.30 P. M. followed, all going to visit the Bidwell Deaconess Home.

FRIDAY EVENING.

THE President, Mrs. Robinson, occupied the chair.

The devotional service, conducted by Rev. G. W. L. Brown, D. D., President of Des Moines Conference Deaconess Board, opened with the singing of three stanzas of the hymn, "How firm a foundation."

A part of the third chapter of Ephesians was read, followed by an earnest petition that we might not only be thankful for the heritage of this Christian civilization into which we were come, but that we might also be co-workers with Christ in bringing in the greater Christian civilization—the ideal civilization.

The minutes of the previous session were presented by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and adopted.

The report of the Bureau for Training Schools was given by Mrs. D. A. Minard, Secretary. The report indicated that the work had been along aggressive lines during the year. Through the personal effort and influence of Miss Henrietta Bancroft much of the money now on hand for Schoelkopf Hall, Kansas City, had been secured. Miss Neiderheiser, Superintendent, and the loyal student body had given efficient aid, and this school, which is destined to be one of the great schools of the Society, is in expectation of the completion of the new building during the coming year.

A fine class has graduated this year from the San Francisco Training School; McCrum (Slavonic) Training School had three graduates, and the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School had been sending into the work of the Society, not only deaconesses, nurses, and missionaries, but also Superintendents of our Mission Homes. Report accepted. (See Report.)

A solo, "I will lay me down in peace," was most beautifully sung by the pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Rev. Mr. Halfstader, followed by the singing of "We are but strangers here" by a quartette from the same Church.

Rev. J. R. Woodcock, D. D., President Iowa Bible Training

School, in speaking on the topic, "The Important Field of Conference Training Schools," said fields grew in the fertile West, and that the school at Des Moines, which began as a Conference School, had leaped across four Conferences and now had seventy graduates scattered across the land in important positions. He closed by expressing the hope that in time this should become a National Training School.

Miss Hartshorn, Superintendent of the Aldrich Memorial Training School at Grand Rapids, Mich., said, that Michigan, like Iowa, had a fertile soil, with fruit abundant. Sixty graduates were out in the mission field, and the work was now prospering under the direction of a well qualified faculty, and that while they had a rich course for Bible study they hoped to secure better facilities for music and kindergarten work. (See Report.)

Mrs. E. R. Willis, representing the San Francisco Training School, spoke of the satisfaction of her husband, Dr. Willis, in his association with the women of our Society. Mrs. Willis spoke of the great needs of the City San Francisco, whose city officials desire to make it the Paris of America. She had visited a heathen temple and finding there an assembly of American women had come away with a prayer for God's help in interesting other women in the stemming of the great tide of heathenism threatening our Pacific Coast. With the limited Methodist membership of the Northern California Conference, help from other States must be given to enable them to continue their work among immigrants at the Presidio and rescue work among women.

Miss Neiderheiser, Superintendent of Fisk Training School, said that this work, the third child of the Training School idea, was born thirteen years ago, and like Samuel was a child of prayer and wholly given to God. That its life was so abundant, its growth so continuous, that like other precious children it was constantly outgrowing its clothing, and that she feared it might burst their bounds before the new larger clothing was ready.

In representing the work of the McCrum Slavonic Training School, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent, stated, that there were now eight millions of Slavonic people in the United States, and that our school was planted in the very center of this population. That the students of the school were out working in the coke villages, and that in all their preparations they held the thought of a return to Bohemia and Hungary, to work among their own people. They had four departments of work—prayer, study, domestic science, and practical mission work—their training being perhaps a little more elementary because the study of the English language must be included.

Beatrice Hockman, a Hussite, sang in Bohemian and English stanzas of "He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast." In a few beautifully chosen words she told how America had brought her nearer to Christ, and how she hoped after her graduation

to put her hands in the Father's hands, and do His will among her own people.

Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, Secretary of the Bureau for Supervision of Colored Deaconesses, said, that if the white race with all its advantages needed trained women for religious work, how much greater, how much more imperative must be the need for the colored race. Trained women were needed for work in the large cities both North and South, and her heart rejoiced with the knowledge that these advantages were soon to be given them in the Training School at Washington. Dr. Wilder's expressed wish for five colored girls to enter upon training January 1, 1913, she regarded as an evidence that he had religion—old-time religion.

Rev. W. H. Wilder, D. D., President Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, speaking on the topic "In the Nation's Capital," said, that while he did not undervalue the work of smaller conference training schools, he still thought that while our capital city provided nothing for the physical needs, it did provide an intellectual and spiritual atmosphere because it was the seat of the nervous organization of our country—the abode of the astute men of our nation, who center there to control it in their own interest. Their charter gave the privilege of establishing six schools. Four were now established: Bible Study, Domestic Science, Kindergarten and Nurse Training. As nurse training would be impossible without a hospital, Sibley Hospital is an integral part of the Training School. Under their charter they were privileged to add a Deaconess Home and Orphanage. In his judgment never before has Protestantism and Methodism had the opportunity now afforded through our Society, to plant itself in strength in this city of Washington, where all the great interests of all the states center.

Two stanzas of "A charge to keep I have" were sung, and the Convention adjourned until Saturday, at 9 A. M. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Woodcock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

THE session opened by singing "The morning light is breaking," the President, Mrs. Robinson, occupying the chair.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Edwin Locke of the Kansas Conference.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach offered prayer, after which Mrs. Locke read the first verse of the 127th Psalm. She said that when she asked God for a message for this meeting, these words came to her: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build," and asked, that special prayer might be offered that the Lord might be in everything that may be done or said this day—that He will build the house and keep the nation.

Mrs. H. C. Jennings and Mrs. Flora Bechtel offered prayer, after which "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright and adopted.

Miss Van Marter spoke of the Publicity Campaign. She said that she had written to the different Conferences, requesting that a woman in each Conference be appointed as Press Committee, she to report the Conference annual meeting for Woman's Home Missions, and annual and district meetings to the local Church Advocate.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved,* That whenever by General Conference action changes have been made in Conference boundary lines, that we retain for the coming year our Conference organization in their present form with the same representation in the Board of Managers."

The Convention adjourned in favor of meeting of Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee arose at 10:30, and Mrs. Aiken reported having received the following telegram from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, signed by Mrs. W. F. McDowell: "Greeting and congratulation—read Hymn 573, verses two and four." Mrs. Aiken said: "These verses were written by Miss Mary Lathbury," and moved that Miss Van Marter extend sisterly greetings to Miss Lathbury. Carried.

Mrs. D. D. Thompson, editor of Thirtieth Annual Report, said, that owing to illness of Miss Fish she had been called to this work, and they had printed 2,500 copies, it being General Conference, instead of 2,000, the usual number.

On motion of Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Thompson's report was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Aiken submitted recommendation from the Board of Trustees, that Mrs. Susie Aiken Winold be made editor of the Annual Report. Unanimously approved.

The report of General Publications was given by Miss Guernsey. 1,131,092 leaflets were put into circulation among our constituents.

Miss Guernsey presented the following recommendations:

First—That the Board of Managers collectively and individually call the attention of our organization—local, district, and conferences—to the importance of electing a Secretary of Literature, who will earnestly co-operate with the department in bringing its supplies to the knowledge of our members and so increasing their use. Adopted.

Second—Since the organization of circles and home guards is increasing in our homes, we wish the young people to become intelligent members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. To this end recommended, that authority be given the manager of this department, to

provide each of these organizations that does active work with the necessary study course supplies for the year without charge. On motion of Mrs. Roach it was adopted.

Third—Recommended that all leaflets bearing the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the name of its office of publication, be submitted to the Editor of publications before printing.

On motion, adopted.

Fourth—Since the receipts of the Department during the summer months are small, the necessity of incurring large printing bills at this time in preparation for the Annual Meeting, forces the attempt to make "bricks without straw," always a difficult task. Miss Guernsey said that a business with receipts of nearly $9000 per year should have a permanent capital on which to draw in time of emergency, with the understanding, that it should be repaid into its own treasury, so as to keep the capital intact for continual use. To this end we ask, that five hundred dollars be set aside from the funds of the Society and placed in the hands of the business manager for this purpose.

On motion of Mrs. Albright, adopted.

On motion, Miss Guernsey's report as a whole was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. D. D. Thompson moved that Mrs. Cotton Mather and Mrs. Balsinger of the Pittsburg Conference, be a committee to send greetings from this body to the National Convention of the W. C. T U., now in session at Portland, Oregon. Carried.

Rev. Taylor from the African Church was introduced by Mrs. Robinson.

At the request of the President, and on motion of Mrs. Griffith, an Executive Session was called for one o'clock.

Mrs. Naomi Day offered prayer, and adjournment followed until 1 P. M., with a benediction by Rev. Edward Hislop, D. D.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

AT 1 P. M. an executive session of the Convention was held to present the present status of the questions that have arisen in connection with the bequest of Fanny M. Murray. This matter had been committed to a special committee of Bishops C. W. Smith and D. H. Moore, appointed by the Board of Bishops, and the President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, appointed by the Board of Trustees. At the close of the report of the committee, as given by Mrs. Robinson, as to the progress of conditions up to that date, resulting at the recent terms of the District Court in Topeka, Kas., in awarding the Murray bequest to the Kansas Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, the following

resolution signed by Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, Mrs. Naomi Day, and Mrs. Daniel Smith, was presented and adopted by an overwhelming vote:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session now assembled, extend to Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, our beloved President, our sympathy and love, and that we also desire to express to her confidence in her integrity and the wise manner in which she has conducted herself in this whole matter, and that we pledge to her our confidence and loyalty as well as our sympathy and love.

By motion of Mrs. Bickley, the Executive Session was adjourned, and the Convention in open session met immediately in the Quiet Hour of Prayer, conducted by Mrs. A. C. Peck of Denver.

"Love divine, all love excelling," was sung. After silent prayer, Mrs. C. W. Bickley led in prayer, that our hearts might be filled with love, and our work inspired by love.

Miss Rena Waltz sang, "For a Little Bit of Love."

Mrs. Peck chose as her topic of thought for the hour "Love." The Holy Spirit is the spirit of love. God has given us a new commandment, which is a commandment of love.

Napoleon at St. Helena said, that Christ was more than a man. His one aim was the spiritual development of the individual. The kingdom of God is love, because God is love. The gift of love in our lives is made possible by the gift of love in our hearts. Our proficiency in the Christian life can be marked by the "love glass," which is a barometer. God has a prescription which will mend even a broken heart—called "Oil of Gladness." If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives become "double-gated," one gate leading to heaven, the other to man. If the world does n't see Jesus in us, how is it ever to see Him? Bearing the cross, still entails sacrifice."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. S. S. Beggs and adopted.

A resolution was adopted, that notes of sympathy and appreciation be sent to Mrs. Knostman, Bureau Secretary for the Southwest States, to Mrs. Johnson, Bureau Secretary for the Pacific Coast Indians, and to Mrs. P. D. Perchment, who are absent because of illness in their families.

Mrs. Robinson announced the Governor's Reception, and expressed the desire of meeting all the delegates there.

Mrs. Dobson of Nebraska presented the following resolution, which was accepted:

"*Resolved,* That action in regard to accepting Crowell Home be deferred until the next annual meeting of this body, in order to give the Nebraska women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society time to adjust their conference work to boundary conditions, which are unsettled at present, and to be in a position, should it be deemed advisable to assume

responsibility for the maintenance of this institution, to take up the new task intelligently and with enthusiasm, and to carry on a work commensurate with the needs of the field and the strength of our organization."

Dr. Strickland, President of Simpson College, was introduced to the Convention and gave greetings. He told of the interest of the Simpson students in missions. Forty-one have gone into the foreign work and eighty are in the Christian ministry.

Dr. Strickland pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until Monday, 9 A. M.

AUTO RIDE.

Saturday afternoon, following adjournment, an auto ride was enjoyed by the delegates through the courtesy of the Auto Club. In the course of the ride a visit was made the Italian Mission.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The social event of the Convention was the beautiful reception tendered by Governor and Mrs. D. F. Carroll and the Executive Council and wives. A throng of friends crowded the Capitol building from eight until ten o'clock, enjoying the proffered courtesies.

SUNDAY MORNING.

AT 10.30 the First Church was filled with eager listeners; and from the opening strains of the processional to the benediction there was a consciousness of the Father's presence.

Bishop Frank M. Bristol, Omaha, Neb., delivered an inspiring sermon on "The Angel of the Churches of Methodism," the spirit of which was the blessedness of service for others. (See Sermon.)

After the sermon, seven deaconesses were consecrated by Bishop Bristol; viz., Ethel C. Fisher, Mame F. Jerichow, Delia M. Joslyn, Kathryn C. Munrich, Phila E. Taylor, Anna Jackly, and Ruby Allen.

The consecration hymn was sung by Mrs. Rose Geisler Jones.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Bristol.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S VESPER SERVICE.

The vesper service at 4:15 in the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. David Daily, Jr., and proved to be a time of consecration and earnest desire for a deeper experience.

Miss Winetta L. Stacks, of Philadelphia, spoke of life—the abundant life, necessary in preparation for the Master's service.

SUNDAY EVENING.

THE President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, presided over the Anniversary Services.

The hymn, "God is love; his mercy brightens," was sung worshipfully by the large chorus choir.

Prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. John L. Hillman, D. D.

The responsive Scripture lesson was led by Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Recording Secretary, after which the congregation sang "America."

The Corresponding Secretary presented facts and figures, indicating the growth of the Society during the year. (See Report.)

The Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, gave a brief but gratifying summary of the receipts. (See Report.)

Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Secretary of the Bureau for Immigrants, reported work done for the 8,000,000 Slavs; for the 95,000 foreign people in the coke regions of Pennsylvania; for the 100,000 Bohemians in Nebraska; for work among the Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Coreans, and Hindoos of our western coast.

Mrs. Bickley spoke of the recent dedication of the new Immigrant Home in Boston. On the top of the building is a cross, and beside it float the Stars and Stripes. The preachers of Boston have contributed the means with which to illuminate the cross, that foreigners, coming into Boston, shall see the lighted cross at night and the cross and American flag by day.

A telegram was received from Dr. E. A. Steiner of Grinnell, Iowa, announcing that owing to illness he could not be present to deliver his promised address on Immigration.

Impromptu addresses, full of interest, information, and inspiration, were given by Mrs. E. Y. King, Mrs. Cotton Mather, Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors, and Miss Swarts. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung in concluding the service.

MONDAY MORNING.

THE session opened with devotional service by Rev. Benjamin Haywood, D. D.

The hymn written by Frank Mason North, "Where cross the crowded ways of life," was sung, a part of the 60th chapter of Isaiah read, and prayer offered.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Miss Greeta Leigh and adopted.

Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The representation included four General Officers, three Vice-Presi-

dents, nine Managers, three Associate Managers, nineteen Bureau Secretaries, two Associate Bureau Secretaries, five Chairmen of Standing Committees, one Young People's Secretary, one Editor Home Missions, one Publisher, one Business Manager, two Editors of *Daily,* one Treasurer's Accountant, seventeen Field Secretaries, sixty-six Conferences, fifty-one Conference Corresponding Secretaries, fifty-eight Conference delegates, thirty-five Young People's delegates, twelve Deaconess Board delegates.

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New England.—Mrs. G. E. Parkes.*

New England Southern.—Mrs. S. S. Blaisdell.†

New Jersey.—Mrs. S. J. Turner,* Miss Mary Roe,† Mrs. Mary L. Northrop.§

New York.—Mrs. Philip M. Watters,* Miss Fannie C. Boddington.†

New York East.—Mrs. Charles A. Soper,* Mrs. Horatio Berry,† Miss Edith McIntire.§

North East Ohio.—Mrs. E. E. Kollyrath.‡

North Dakota.—Mrs. F. W. Heidel.*

North West Indiana.—Mrs. W. Bent Wilson,* Mrs. John A. Secor,† Mrs. George Keiper.§

North Nebraska.—Mrs. F. H. Perdew,* Mrs. E. E. Hosman.†

North Ohio.—Mrs. M. W. Reece,* Miss H. W. Cary,† Mrs. J. W. Dowds.§

Northern Minnesota.—Mrs. J. A. Johnson,* Mrs. F. F. Safford,† Mrs. Jacob Dyson,§ Mrs. J. E. Goodman.‡

Northern New York.—Mrs. J. C. Rossman,* Mrs. M. J. Honn,† Mrs. Helen Seymour.§

North Indiana.—Mrs. A. B. Cline,* Mrs. Marshall Williams,† Mrs. W. M. Miller.§

Northwest Iowa.—Mrs. J. S. Campbell,* Mrs. D. A. McBurney,† Mrs. Marie S. Keck.§

Northwest Kansas.—Mrs. Isaiah McDowell,* Mrs. C. E. Jackson.†

Ohio.—Mrs. E. E. Neary,† Miss Ella Ely.§

Oklahoma.—Mrs. J. P. Warren,* Mrs. R. O. Callahan.†

Philadelphia.—Miss Winetta L. Stacks,† Mrs. Joseph A. Hudson.§

Pittsburgh.—Mrs. E. W. Balsinger,† Miss Floy C. Cameron,§ Miss S. E. Eyler,‡ Mrs. T. S. Lackey.‖

Puget Sound.—Mrs. H. P. Thomas,* Mrs. F. L. Greene.†

Rock River.—Mrs. Dan. B. Brummitt,* Mrs. J. Rae,† Mrs. W. H. Dangel.§

St. Louis.—Mrs. C. W. Woods,* Mrs. Charles Gabelman,† Miss Aubrey E. Tyrie,§ Miss Anna Neiderheiser.‡

South Kansas.—Mrs. J. Luther Taylor,* Mrs. L. A. McKeever,† Miss Eva E. Wirick.§

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* Corresponding Secretary. † Conference Delegate. ‡ Deaconess Delegate.
§ Young People's Delegate. ‖ Delegate from McCrum Training School.

Southern California.—Mrs. J. B. Green,* Mrs. Frances Chambers,* Mrs. H. Holbrook.‡

Southern Illinois.—Mrs. H. C. Mitchell,* Mrs. Frank C. Smith.†

South West Kansas.— Mrs. Nettie Tedrick,* Miss Carrie M. Hill,† Miss Ida Hickman.§

Troy.—Miss Mary E. Whitehead.†

Upper Iowa.—Mrs. W. C. Hayward,* Mrs. Bessie Becker,† Mrs. C. E. Miller.§

Upper Mississippi.—Mrs. Mattie E. Ferguson.†

Vermont.—Mrs. A. H. Webb.†

West Texas.—Mrs. E. Spriggs-Ratcliff,* Mrs. S. H. Burgess,† Miss I. C. King.§

West Wisconsin.—Miss Carrie Hazzard,* Mrs. W. W. Marlin.†

Wilmington.—Mrs. John H. Huffington.†

Wisconsin.—Mrs. John Taylor,* Mrs. A. J. Benjamin.†

Wyoming.—Mrs. E. A. Martin.†

The Secretary of Tellers, Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham, presented the names of the following ladies as Assistant Tellers: Mrs. D. B. Street, Baltimore; Mrs. J. W. Price, Detroit; Mrs. John Stevens, California; Mrs. O. G. Ragan, Kentucky; Miss Mary Roe, New Jersey; Mrs. E. C. Hollfrath, North-East Ohio; Mrs. J. A. Hudson, Philadelphia; Mrs. W. H. Hayward, Upper Iowa; Mrs. Madison Swadener, Indiana; Mrs. Frances Chambers, Southern California; Mrs. Frank C. Smith, Southern Illinois; Mrs. B. U. Taylor, Genesee; Mrs. Charles F. Thirkield, Cincinnati Conferences.

Mrs. E. H. Stanley, for twenty-five years the Treasurer of the Des Moines branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced and greeted.

A motion, made by Mrs. Jones, that we follow the precedent of other years in permitting alternates elected by Conference Boards to represent Conference Corresponding Secretaries, to have the voting privilege, was adopted.

The President requested Miss Van Marter to lead in prayer for divine guidance in the choice of officers.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Third Vice-President, was called to preside during the election of a President.

Mrs. Ketcham read the General Conference plan of election, and instruction was given.

All those entitled to vote were requested to stand and be counted, which count resulted in the number of 220.

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The action of previous years, read by Mrs. Woodward, that "If upon a nominating ballot a member receive a majority of all ballots cast for any office, she shall be declared elected," was confirmed.

The ballot for President was then taken, and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Miss Elizabeth Pearson, Corresponding Secretary of Des Moines Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was presented and greeted the Convention as sisters in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the emphasis on the word *our*. As witnesses for Christ the army of the Lord had been divided into battalions—this one for Jerusalem, one for Judea, one for Samaria, another for the uttermost parts of the earth, and she greeted us as a part of this army. Our growth in membership and funds proved that God was doing more for us than we could think or ask, and she trusted that we should march side by side, singing "Onward, Christian Soldier," until we come into that great multitude out of every nation and tribe, to stand before the throne of the Lamb, singing, "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might be unto our God forever and ever."

"Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung with enthusiasm.

In the absence of Mrs. J. C. McDowell, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, Mrs. Aiken moved that a most interesting report from this Convention, sent to the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, be accepted as the report of this Committee. Carried. (See Report.)

On motion of Mrs. Jones, a communication of thanks and appreciation of the services of Mrs. McDowell was voted.

Mrs. Onstott presented a resolution regarding the combining of a Depa·tment of Social Purity with the Department of Temperance, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Temperance for consideration.

Mrs. E. M. Mills, Chairman of the Committee on Mite Boxes, presented a most carefully prepared report, showing that the total receipts from this source had amounted the past year to $36,185.86, an increase of $4,959.72 above last year, and that the North Indiana Conference continues to be the Banner Conference.

Mrs. Mills moved that a banner be obtained to replace the small flag, now in the possession of the North Indiana Conference, and recognition placed on it of the years this Conference had been entitled to a banner, and it was so ordered with the understanding, that this be prepared in time for presentation at the Annual Meeting of this Conference.

Mrs. Aiken stated that Mrs. Mills had sent to the Board of Trustees her resignation as Chairman of the Mite-box Committee, which had been accepted with regret, and moved, that a special committee be appointed to prepare a suitable recognition of the services of Mrs. Mills. Mrs. Mary Fisk Park and Mrs. M. S. Woodruff were so appointed.

Mrs. Aiken submitted a recommendation from the Board of Trustees,

that a Bureau for Mite-box work be constituted, and the recommendation was adopted. The recommendation that Mrs. H. S. Earl, the faithful Mite-box Secretary of Detroit Conference, be Secretary of the Bureau was adopted.

The Tellers reported the ballot for President as follows:

Total number of votes cast	218
Necessary to a choice	110
Mrs. George O. Robinson	174
Scattering	44

Mrs. Robinson was declared elected to the office of President, and the announcement was greeted with continued applause.

In response, Mrs. Robinson said, she had worked hard in the interest of the Society with the single thought of doing God's service.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach, of Baltimore Conference, presented Mrs. Robinson a magnificent cluster of white and golden chrysanthemums. She reviewed the early days in the history of the deaconess work of the Society, when, as Miss Jane Bancroft, Mrs. Robinson had laid the foundation stones, and prayed that God would long spare her to go on with us to victory.

A tribute was also paid Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, so generous a helper to our work. In response, Mrs. Robinson stated, that the reference to her husband had touched her heart more than the words of kindness to herself, even though as a Puritan and a lawyer not given to complimentary speech, he might disclaim such recognition.

On motion, Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Jones were made a committee to send a telegram of announcement and loving greeting to Mr. Robinson.

On motion of Mrs. Albright it was ordered that when the Tellers reported the ballot the names of persons securing less than six votes should not be given but classed as scattering.

The ballot for Corresponding Secretary was ordered and the Tellers retired to count the ballot.

By the consent of the Convention, a portion of the afternoon program was transferred to the evening, in order that the address of Mrs. George W. Coleman on Mormonism might be presented before a larger audience.

Following a statement of the illness of Mrs. Bishop Leete, Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Miller were asked to write a letter of sympathy and love.

Adjournment until 1:30 P. M. followed the benediction by Dr. Wilder.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Robinson, at 1:30 o'clock, Mrs. A. C. Peck taking charge of the Quiet Hour, the theme of which was "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Wisdom." Mrs. D. L. Williams led in prayer. After a solo by Miss Waltz, "Christ with Thee," Mrs. Peck read from Luke 21:15 and Ephesians 1:17-19. She said, "If we would reproduce Christ before men we must know Him, and be able to set an example before the world. In Christ is hidden all the richness of God. Those in Christ feed upon the wisdom of God. If in our work for Christ there is self-abasement, then there will be the lustre of praise. Our soul is of more value than the whole world, and we must put ourselves out of sight and go forth in the faith of Christ, assured of the co-operation of God. Then we shall reap, if we faint not. The Holy Spirit is courage, peace, love and wisdom." After prayer by Mrs. Peck, this devotional service closed with singing hymn: "Saviour, more than life to me."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright and adopted.

The President announced that the Tellers were ready to report result of ballot for Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Ketcham reported number of ballots cast, 226; necessary to a choice, 112; Mrs. D. L. Williams received 188; Mrs. Albright 23; scattering 9. Mrs. Williams was declared elected, and in a few well-chosen words accepted the office, and thanked the body for the honor.

The count for next ballot was made, resulting in the number 209, and the ballot for Recording Secretary was taken, and Tellers retired.

The President requested Mrs. Woodruff, to escort Mrs. Geo. W. Coleman, President of the "Council of Women for Home Missions," to the platform, and in a few words Mrs. Coleman thanked the Society for the honor of being invited to be on the program.

Mrs. Moors presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, as members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, record our interest in and approval of the newly proposed Mothers' Pension Law."

Mrs. Spriggs-Ratcliffe, on a question of privilege, then came to the platform and presented Mrs. D. L. Williams with a beautifully embroidered doily, the work of the girls in the Eliza Dee Home. This was given as a token of thanks for past favors and renewed interest for the future.

The program for the afternoon was then taken up, and "Work in Cities" was presented as follows: Mrs. M. A. Hubble, chairman of Marcy Home Committee, spoke of this institution as a neighbor of Hull House, Chicago. She said, there are 75,000 Jews in that neighborhood, and Marcy Home with its fifteen departments of work is helping to solve the

social and religious problems in that crowded district. One Jew had said of our Society, "That it gives so much and takes so little." Mrs. Bernheim spoke a few words in behalf of her people, the Jews.

Mrs. I. D. Jones, in the absence of Mrs. Durrell, chairman of Glenn Home Committee, told of the many departments of work carried on in that Home, which was "protecting, mothering and teaching" young women who need the care.

Mrs. Ketcham then reported result of ballot for Recording Secretary. Number of ballots cast, 206; necessary to a choice, 104. Mrs. F. A. Aiken receiving 175, Mrs. D. D. Thompson 19, scattering 12. Mrs. Aiken was declared elected.

Mrs. Daniel Onstott, on a question of privilege, then presented Mrs. Aiken a beautiful Kentucky quilt, made by the women of the mountains. This was given as a token of appreciation for the twenty-nine years of loving service as Secretary, and in recognition of the year's devotion to the new work commenced in that state.

Mrs. Aiken responded in a feeling manner, saying, this quilt reminded her of the quilts made by her grandmother many years ago. She thanked the women for their remembrance, and announced that this, as her thirtieth year, would be the last she would serve as Recording Secretary.

Other delegates coming in, the number entitled to vote was announced as 215, and ballot taken for Treasurer.

Mrs. Margaret A. Miller sang most touchingly a solo, "A Man of Sorrows," and the program was resumed. Mrs. Matthew Pinkerton of Chicago, chairman of the Girls' Club, spoke of the Hobbs Home being opened last May and since then helping 68 girls.

Miss Stacks, Associate Superintendent of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, told that one of her workers met every steamer that came into that port and how they kept in touch with 500 families, reaching 30,000 people every month. The medical department treats over 5,000 patients each year.

Mrs. Albright moved, that the Assistant Bureau Secretaries be allowed to vote next year. This was referred to Committee on By-laws.

Mrs. G. C. Parks, Corresponding Secretary of New England Conference, presented the report of Hull Street Settlement and Medical Mission. She said, this work is located in the north end of Boston, and is trying to teach those foreigners the meaning of Americanism and Christianity. Last year there were 329 operations, 12,552 treatments, 3,075 calls made by the medical department. There are girls' and boys' clubs, and fifteen volunteers help the resident workers.

Mrs. Ketcham announced the result of ballot for Treasurer. Whole number of votes cast, 212; necessary to choice, 107; Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson receiving 196; Mrs. Turner 8; Scattering 8. Mrs. Thompson was declared elected, and in a few words accepted.

The ballot was then taken for First Vice-President, after which Mrs. Weaver told of the work in Portland, Oregon. The Home had been fur-

nished and the work started only a few weeks ago. The district was settled by Italians, and was so crowded, that there were many homes where never a ray of sunlight enters.

Miss Barge, as College Secretary. said, she had secured the names of 470 college girls with whom she kept in correspondence, endeavoring to impress upon them the need of fitting themselves for definite religious work.

The ballot for First Vice-President was announced as follows: Number of votes cast, 210; necessary to a choice, 106; Mrs. Wm. Christie Herron receiving 128; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff 52; Mrs. Thirkield 13; Mrs. Mary Fisk Park 12. Mrs. Herron was declared elected, and the Secretary requested to notify her and send greetings of Convention.

Brief reports of the chairmen of the sub-committees of interdenominational work were then received as follows: Mrs. Hill reported the conference at Northfield; there were eleven denominations represented, and the officials of the New England Sunday School Association present. At Chautauqua, 20 denominations were represented and 1,200 delegates enrolled. Mrs. D. B. Wells and Mrs. Coleman made addresses. Mrs. D. D. Thompson reported 13 denominations represented on this committee, which now was a union of home and foreign societies, each denomination being allowed two representatives for home, and two for foreign.

At Winona, Ind., there were 355 registrations, 72 of which were Methodists. Mrs. D. B. Wells taught the text-book, and Rev. Bruce Kinney, the author, delivered a lecture.

Mrs. C. V. Beggs, of Denver, said the enrollment at Boulder, Colo., had been 600, and the extension conferences were increasing. Mrs. Wells had spoken at nine of these. Mrs. E. R. Willis, California, said, because of distances the conference had not been very successful. She spoke of Home Mission Week, November 17th to 24th, and suggested that our women make this a self-denial week.

The vote for Second Vice-President was then taken, and all listened attentively to an address by Mrs. Geo. W. Coleman on "Our Country, God's Country." Mrs. Coleman told of the development of woman's work, and especially of the Interdenominational Home Missionary work. This had begun in 1906, when a conference was formed at Northfield, which finally resulted in the organization of the "Council of Women for Home Missions" in December, 1908. There are nine denominations represented in this council, representing an annual income of $2,000,000, Summer conferences are now held at Northfield, Mass.; Winona, Ind.; Minnetonka, Minn.; Boulder, Col., and Mt. Hermon, Cal. The object of the council is "To do for all what one can not do." It acts as a clearing house. Mrs. Coleman closed her remarks by reference to Home Mission Week, November 17-24, and urged all to work together—men's and women's boards, twenty-seven in all.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Coleman.

The report of Tellers for Second Vice-President was announced as follows: Number of votes cast, 211; necessary to a choice, 106; Mrs. Wilbur P. Thirkield receiving 149; Mrs. Woodruff 55; scattering 7. Mrs. Thirkield was declared elected, the Secretary requested to notify her of her election, and the ballot was taken for Third Vice-President.

Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Wilder, and adjournment made until 7:30 P. M.

MONDAY EVENING.

AN inspiring organ voluntary opened the session. A devotional service was led by Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Griffith, of Des Moines Conference. Mrs. Griffith read passages of Scripture from Nehemiah, the central thought of which was: "And every one helped his neighbor." Rev. Mr. Griffith led in an earnest prayer, in which he thanked God, that our country is a missionary country, especially showing gratitude for the organization of the Woman's Home Mission Society, which stands primarily for the uplift of humanity.

Mrs. Ripley, of Aniton, Iowa, sang sweetly a song on "Tithing," the sentiment of which Mrs. Griffith asked us to take with us to our homes.

The minutes of previous session were read by Mrs. Thompson and adopted.

Mrs. Ketcham announced that Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff had received 173 votes for the office of Third Vice-President, and was therefore declared elected. Mrs. Woodruff very briefly thanked the Convention for her election, after which, as Vice-President of the Council of Women for Home Missions, Mrs. Woodruff introduced Mrs. George O. Coleman, Vice-President of the National Association of the Baptist Church, and President of the Council of Women for Home Missions, who gave an address on "Present-Day Mormonism."

Mrs. Coleman said that she did not come with arguments or hearsay, but with facts, which she was ready to substantiate. She stated, that much missionary work was done by Mormons, and that missionary work in the Mormon Church was not a voluntary service, but that men were told that on a certain day they must go out—and leaving home and families, they went, knowing that their first term of service must be for two years. She stated, that Mormons were obliged to tithe everything that they possessed—grains, fruits, products of all kinds—which are either sold or sent to the great tithing house in Salt Lake City, where $2,000,000 a year are brought in in tithes. In obtaining converts, women are definitely sought by the Mormon propaganda, and they are never colored women, for which they should be profoundly thankful. Mrs. Coleman described the Mormon literature, which she said was being widely circulated throughout our land, and the insidious ways, in which the missionaries find their way into the homes of the people, often going about

as agents for the sale of Oriental rugs, all of which are beautiful and attractive, and thus, by going into the best families, they find out whether it is wise to return and endeavor to obtain converts; and she further illustrated their work of espionage in a way, that made us feel the absolute truth of her startling statements. Mrs. Coleman's whole address was full of most excellent things, not pleasant to hear, but which showed the wonderful power of the Mormon Church.

Mrs. Robinson spoke of these startling truths to which we had been listening, and gave interesting illustrations of what she had heard in the Mormon tabernacle, and urged the women to *talk* about this great evil, which will not down until legislation shall be made against it.

Mrs. Aiken spoke at this time concerning the stereopticon slides on Mormonism, information concerning which can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Winold at No. 222 West Fourth st., Cincinnati. Mrs. Robinson recommended, that these slides be secured by the Conferences, to be used in Auxiliary, District, and Conference meetings—the slides including a fine lecture by Mr. Hans Frees.

The report of the Bureau for Utah, Mrs. B. S. Potter, Secretary, expressed the belief that our earnest work in the field is surely training the Christian Church of the future in the Utah valleys as it has been divinely said: "My work shall not return unto me void." (See Report.)

Mr. Kinsey, of Des Moines, sang most beautifully, "Oh! Love Sublime, Sweet Evening Star," a violin obligato adding to the sweetness of the melody.

Bond Burning.—The time having arrived for the ceremony of the Bond Burning, Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock was invited to give the preliminary address. She beautifully illustrated in graphic word pictures the wonderful growth of our Society. By the great weight of the burdens placed upon it, debt had arisen, but the women had *lifted,* and some of the burdens had rolled away, and said that an illustration of this would be given as we burn the bonds, which during the year had been paid.

As the organ sounded the note, the great congregation joined in singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and a long procession of women, bearing colored pennants, upon which were the mystic letters, W. H. M. S., Bond Burning, 1912, and gold stars, the number of which represented the number of bonds to be burned, appeared. The bearers of these pennants represented the Conferences which during the year had *lifted* and helped in the payment of the debt. As the long processional passed the Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, she announced the amount of money which their bond represented, and into a seething caldron of flames, these bonds were speedily reduced to ashes. The American flag proudly waved its approval over the scene of destruction. At a given signal, when the procession had passed, the church was darkened and a large canvas, upon which was painted a laurel wreath, became the center of attraction. By an ingenious arrangement of

electric lights behind the curtain, one by one there flashed the words, "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow," and a large white cross stood out in relief upon the center of the canvas. Inspired by the beautiful sight, the audience with one impulse sang over and over: "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow."

Mrs. Robinson at this time stated that the best part of the program was yet to come, and introduced Dr. Haywood, who made an appeal that we raise quickly $12,000, to supplement the $5,000 in bonds that had just been burned, and thus the indebtedness would be wiped from the slate. Quickly, by Conference and personal pledges, the sum of $5,925 was pledged.

Rev. Mr. Arnold, of Des Moines, pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until Tuesday, 9 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY MORNING.

THE session opened at 9 o'clock, with Mrs. Robinson in the chair. After singing, "He that dwelleth in the secret places," Mrs. M. C. Hickman, chairman of the committee on Day of Prayer, conducted devotionals. She spoke of the joy and happiness of religion. "Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me," was sung, and Mrs. Hickman offered prayer, asking God to give us what is wisest and best.

Mrs. Robinson said, our verse for to-day will be: "The joy of the Lord is my strength," and urged all to be happy and joyful in service.

Mrs. Hickman's report of the committee on Day of Prayer showed, that returns indicated that the Interdenominational Day of Prayer Services were more generally observed this year than ever before, and were occasions of much interest and spiritual power. (See Report.)

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs Yount and adopted.

Mrs. Robinson spoke of the beautiful service of the Bond Burning and stated $5,000 raised. "A wonderful tribute to you and to our Convention. Congratulations."

Rev. Mr. Hillman introduced Mr. E. F. Miller, a "Methodist Sankey," who sang a beautiful solo.

Mrs. Cotton Mather moved a message of love and Christian greeting be sent Miss Fish. Carried.

Ballots were taken for Fourth Vice-President.

Mrs. Robinson presented Mr. Burwell Spurlock, Superintendent of "Mothers' Jewels Home," who spoke of this home, after which Judge Spurlock was introduced by the President as the "honored son of an honored father." In speaking of his beloved mother, Judge Spurlock said: "She was interested in every cause you represent. When you come to Mothers' Jewels work, think of her and her department."

At this time Mrs. Turner stepped to the platform and presented Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson with a beautiful Navajo blanket as a token of love from the Conference treasurers.

Mrs. I. D. Jones spoke in interest of E. L. Rust Home. There are 48 girls in the home. (See Report.)

Mrs. Robinson introduced Mrs. B. F. Longley, new President of Minnesota Conference.

Mrs. Seeds introduced Miss King from Eliza Dee Home, who spoke of crowded condition and needs of the home, also of splendid work of her Queen Esther Circle.

Mrs. Spriggs-Radcliff was introduced and said, "All I am I owe to our Woman's Home Missionary Society." In speaking of her work, she said: "We are pressing forward."

Dr. Haywood rose to a question of privilege and requested that Mrs. Spriggs-Radcliff sing "Put de cookies on de lower shelf," which was received with great applause.

Report of ballot for Fourth Vice-President resulted in election of Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, who received 177 votes of a total of 206 cast.

Mrs. H. T. Dennis, Secretary West Central States, reported Kent Home as being in good condition, financially and otherwise, also spoke of their splendid library and asked, that more books might be sent. She spoke of the new millinery department added, in which the girls are taught to make their own hats. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Consent was given Miss Flora Mitchell, to present her work at this time. She said she represented the first Home of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and that we are measured by our School. She told of splendid work being done by some of their girls, of their crowded condition at Thayer. They were obliged to rent rooms.

Mrs. Aiken reported, that the Board of Trustees recommended, that in view of the present lot offered so near a smokestack, that a special committee investigate the matter of securing a more desirable locality on the campus of Freedmen's Aid Society School, at Atlanta, Ga., and then, if such can be secured, that this Board of Trustees recommend to the Board of Managers that we make it a $50,000 instead of a $35,000 building.

Mrs. Bickley moved, that the building of Thayer Home be referred to a committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of the Bureau Secretary, Mesdames Williams, Aiken, Miss Bancroft and Bishop Leete. This committee to have power to act with the privilege of borrowing $25,000, if necessary. Carried.

At this time Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors presented to Miss Bancroft in behalf of the deaconesses a beautiful Navajo rug.

The report of the ballot for Fifth Vice-President was read. Number of votes cast, 206; necessary to a choice, 104; Mrs. P. H. Bodkin 106; Mrs. Bishop Hughes 87; scattering 13. Mrs. Bodkin was declared elected and briefly thanked the Convention.

Mrs. K. S. Burnett introduced Mrs. Rush, who spoke of her preparation for her work in Thayer Home and later Rust Hall, and gathering together 107 children into a kindergarten school, teaching them in the vestry of her husband's church.

Mrs. Burnett made a strong plea, that $200 might be raised toward salary for Mrs. Rush. On motion of Mrs. Woodruff, a subscription was taken and $220 were pledged in a few moments.

Mrs. E. L. Albright, in giving her 24th annual report, said: "At Allen Home we have 56 girls and 165 in the school. The graduating class numbered 11. All teachers are working happily and harmoniously together. At Browning Home we had 82 girls in the home and 327 in the school. The interest of the year centers in our new building and its dedication, April 18, by Dr. Herbert Welsh of the Ohio Wesleyan University. The furnishings were all provided for by one special friend, and asked the privilege of reading a letter from that friend, in whose honor the building was named Hubbard Hall."

Moved by Mrs. Roach, that the Convention extend to this friend a rising vote of thanks for his generous gift. (See report.)

Miss Garretson, organizer for Colored Conferences, spoke of her five years work among her people. She had worked in nine Conferences, and that her race was being elevated through influence of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, Secretary of the Bureau for Florida, reported 103 girls last year, and a graduating class of twelve returned to take normal training. Booker T. Washington said Boylan Home is the best of any he had visited.

In speaking of Brewster Hospital, Mrs. Webster, the Superintendent, asked that more supplies of sheets, towels, etc., might be sent.

On motion, Mrs. Bunyan's report was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Burnett said Brewster was the only hospital in all the Southland for the negro.

Mrs. Robinson introduced our German Secretary, who said there were in Chicago German Conference ten Auxiliaries, six Circles, and four Bands; also told of the gladness with which her people received our Woman's Home Missionary Society work.

After one verse of "I am so glad that Jesus loves me," announcements were made and Dr. Haywood pronounced the benediction.

Convention adjourned until 1 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

MRS. Margaret Delight Moors, of Detroit, led the devotional exercises for the Memorial Service. "A charge to keep I have," and "Forever with the Lord" were sung. Mrs. Moors read a few verses from the second chapter of Revelation, and the fourteenth chapter of John, verses of hope and consolation, and prayed that these verses become a reality to those who had lost their loved ones. Her talk was full of cheer and comfort. Jesus cares, for He has gone to prepare a place for us.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley had charge of the Memorial Services.

Mrs. Anna Kent, in presenting a Memorial for Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, who for fifteen years was President of our Society, told of her first meeting with Mrs. Fisk in 1885. She read two beautiful tributes to Mrs. Fisk, one from a member of the South American legation, sent from Bolivia; the other from a former student in the school at Morristown, Tenn. "She was ours and is still with us. We miss her, but know that we can find her still further on."

Mrs. Waters, of the New York Conference, gave the love and appreciation of that Conference for the memory of Mrs. Fisk and, as a Memorial, pledged the life-long devotion of that Conference to the work, so dear to Mrs. Fisk, and a gift of $500 to Mrs. Kent's work in El Paso, in which Mrs. Fisk was so deeply interested.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff sang "When the roll is called," noting that the third verse was Mrs. Fisk's favorite.

Mrs. Bickley called the roll of those whom we loved, but whom God has called from us.

Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, President Emeritus; Mrs. Julia Sophia Moore, wife of Bishop Moore; Mrs. Rebecca J. McCabe, wife of Bishop McCabe; Mrs. F. V. Chapman, Superintendent of Ritter Home; Mrs. Elizabeth S. Ritter, for whom Ritter Home was named; Mrs. Geo. Olmstead, Mrs. Mary Horsey, Mrs. Addie P. Curtice, Mrs. Spencer Sutherland, Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin, Mrs. Lucinda Speer, Mrs. Warren Cline, Mrs. Susie Discho, Mrs. John R. Wright, Mrs. John Wingate, Mrs. Annie L. Roach, Mrs. Georgia E. Cone, Miss Florence Verne Bodkin, Mrs. Anna Crane, Miss Margaret Parrott, Mrs. Geo. A. Palmer, Mrs. Sara E. Miller, Mrs. Philip Harris, Mrs. Charles A. Combes, Mrs. Anna C. Eberhardt, Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, Mrs. Adaline Medcalf, Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilker, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilday, Mrs. Frances Webb, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Prof. W. L. Boswell, Dr. D. B. Street, Mr. Marvin E. Clark. Deaconesses: Mrs. Helen Pritchard, Miss Mary A. Mahon, Miss Opal Jacobson, Miss Charlotte Lowry.

"These have joined the crowd of witnesses and will watch with interest the progress of this beloved work of our Master."

A beautiful solo, "Shadows," was a fitting close to this service. After silent prayer, "He leadeth me" was softly sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. S. S. Beggs and adopted.

The report of the ballot for Managers showed that the following women were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. P. D. Perchment, Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, Mrs. J. W. Gosling, Mrs. D. B. Street.

The vote for Associate Managers was then cast, 141 delegates being present.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey presented the thought of our Life Insurance, saying that "life insurance is a preservative of life."

Mrs. Hill gave as the cost of Life Insurance. *First*—Thought for the children growing up uninterested in Home Missions; *Second*—Prayer that the right woman be chosen to lead our children.

Miss Van Marter told us of the Life Insurance Policies, published in New York, called "Children's Home Missions," and urged that every Auxiliary take out at least a club of these policies.

Mrs. Robinson heartily favored this and asked that each one use her one talent, and we keep persistently at our work among our children.

The banners for the Home Guard work were awarded.

Genesee Conference received the award for the largest gain of money contributed by the children, ninety-two per cent, with New York Conference receiving "honorable mention." Central Ohio was awarded the banner for the largest gain in paid membership.

Miss Brockway, of the Michigan Conference, presented to the Department a case in which the banner may be kept.

The report of Miss Guernsey was accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Hallie Hill moved that the Board of Managers request the Program Committee to print on the program for the next annual meeting the names and addresses of the Field Secretaries, also that the Field Secretaries and Missionaries be introduced not later than the second day of the Convention. This was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Aiken's report as Chairman of the Committee for Work in Kentucky indicated encouraging progress. At Harlan, in the southeastern section of the State, a kindergarten had been maintained since February. Lots valued at $4.500 had been donated by the citizens, and a new house of nine rooms adjoining these lots had been purchased for the sum of $4,500, and it is expected to open the Home at an early date. The Erie Conference has the honor of naming the Home, having pledged $2,000.

At Olive Hill, in the northeastern section of the State, lots have been donated by the citizens, on which they have promised to build a $15,000 brick schoolhouse. Ground has been broken for the building.

The kindergarten, numbering sixty-two at the close of the year, wielded an influence for good in the community. (See Report.)

Mrs. Aiken presented a recommendation from the Board of Trustees that the Kentucky work be constituted a Bureau. This was approved by the Board of Managers. She presented the recommendation that Mrs. H. C. Jennings, of Cincinnati, be made Secretary of this Bureau. This was also approved.

Mrs. Elder gave Mrs. McCarty's report for the Bureau for White Work in the South, in which the progress of the work in Rebecca McClesky and the needs of Cedartown were given. Mrs. Elder paid a beautiful tribute to the thought of Mrs. McCarty for the schools under her care.

Mrs. Woodruff moved that, in accepting this report, we send love and sympathy to Mrs. McCarty, who is ill at her hotel. This was seconded by Miss Bancroft, and was unanimously carried. (See Report.)

Dr. Wilder called the attention of the Convention to the fact that our school at Washington should be called "The Lucy Webb Hayes Training School," instead of "Rust Hall," as it is popularly known.

The Convention was favored at this time by a solo by Mr. Hubble, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. E. R. Willis, of San Francisco, was referred to a committee consisting of Miss Carrie Barge, Mrs. Hallie Hill, and Mrs. E. R. Willis:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a circular letter to be sent by the Conference and District Secretaries to each Auxiliary Secretary, asking that we make "Home Mission Week" also a "self-denial week," and send the money, through our Conference Treasurer, toward the cancellation of our debt.

At this time, in most beautiful and gracious words, assuring her of our love and sympathy, Mrs. Woodruff presented Mrs. Delia Williams with a cameo brooch—"a woman's face looking up." Mrs. Williams responded in beautiful words.

The vote cast for Associate Managers elected the following: Mrs. John Neff, Mrs. J. P. Negus, Mrs. D. L. Rhone, Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mrs. W. B. Melish, and Mrs. J. M. Pattison. Another vote was necessary for the election of the seventh Associate Manager.

Mrs. Byron E. Staples, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, made a very strong appeal for National recognition of the work done in the Anthracite Slavonic Mission at Hazelton, saying that Central Pennsylvania was carrying on Conference work at four other points and could not carry this work alone, and that this work was really National in its scope. This was referred to a committee consisting of Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, Mrs. D. L. Williams, and Mrs. B. E. Staples.

Convention adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

THE evening devoted to the Young People's Work opened with a processional of Circles and Guards, who entered the church with flying banners and joyous voices singing the Queen Esther Forward Song, and closing with the Doxology.

Miss Carrie Barge led in earnest prayer that the divine blessing might be upon every department of the Young People's Work.

The President, Mrs. Robinson, called attention to this as a notable occasion—the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Young People's Department—and congratulatory and inspiring addresses were made by the general officers, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Aiken, and Mrs. Thompson.

The Quartet of First Church beautifully rendered "We are but strangers here," to the great delight of the large audience.

An interesting report of "Twenty-five Years" was given by the historian, Mrs. Edith Thompson Fry. (See Report.)

Miss Mary Fisk Park asked permission to speak and, in a few words of appreciation, presented Miss Barge with a Navajo rug "for the new home in Delaware." In response, Miss Barge graciously thanked her friends, but assured them she was not going to be married, that the new home was for her father and herself, and that she expected to continue her work.

Mrs. Dailey gave a most encouraging report for the Young People's Department, showing a steady increase. (See Report.)

Mr. Buck pleased the audience with a baritone solo, "Just for to-day."

Dr. Haywood gave an inspiring address on "Values."

He said in part: "It is not only a study of values, but of investments. The young womanhood of to-day takes no second place in the College Halls. It is womanhood that is to set the standard for the community life. If young womanhood is to have that virtue of character which America demands, it must develop (1) strong personality that will make itself known and felt; (2) well balanced minds not narrowed by prejudice; (3) a world-wide heart throb that must feel the interests of the great world." He said in closing, "I would have you be the type commemorated in Samuel Walter Foss' poem, 'The man who lives in the house by the side of the road.'"

Mr. Buck again favored the Convention by a solo: "For He was wounded for our transgressions."

Then following the introduction of Miss Winetta Stacks of the Executive Committee, and of the Field Secretaries of the Young People's department, Miss Carrie Barge, Miss Greeta Leigh, Miss Rena Waltz, Miss Mary Van Woert, Miss Grace Roraback.

The Conference Secretaries of Young People's Work were introduced: Mrs. Crowder, St. Louis; Miss Whitaker, Kansas; Miss Hawks; Miss Wirick, South Kansas; Miss McIntire, New York East; Miss Dunday, Illinois; Mrs. Kellogg, Des Moines; Mrs. Dowds, Northern Ohio; Mrs. Bickett, Cincinnati; Mrs. Werz, Ohio; Mrs. Callahan, Oklahoma; Mrs. Farn, Central Illinois; Mrs. Miller, North Indiana; Mrs. Miller, Southern California; Mrs. Anderson, Northwest Iowa; Mrs. Saxton, Little Rock; Miss Floy Cameron, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Millers, Upper Iowa; Mrs. Naftzger, Columbia River; Miss Nell Foster, Arkansas; Mrs. Northrup, New Jersey; Mrs. J. A. Hudson, Philadelphia Conferences.

As a token of our love and appreciation of the service of Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Miss Barge presented her with a Queen Esther Life Certificate—from "those who love her."

Six life certificates were presented to representatives from Iowa:

Miss Mary McClary, Grace Church, Des Moines; Miss Nelson, Boone; Mrs. A. E. Griffith, Perry; Mrs. Hill, Carroll; Mrs. Emah Kellogg; Mrs. Rust, Indianola.

Miss Floy Cameron, in the name of the Pittsburgh Conference, accepted the banner awarded to the Conference raising the most money, and the flag awarded to the Conference having the circle raising the most money.

Mrs. Naftzger accepted the banner awarded to the Columbia River Conference for the largest gain in membership.

"God be with you till we meet again" was a beautiful and appropriate closing to the evening.

Dr. Haywood pronounced the benediction, and adjournment followed until 9 A. M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE President called this meeting to order at 9 o'clock and Mrs. Madison Swadener led the devotional services. After singing the hymn "Love divine all love excelling," she read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. She said, love was the very key-note of the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and we must keep in close touch with our Heavenly Father, and have a secret place, where we can go, when cares and trials come upon us. Mrs. O. B. Sandefur led in prayer, after which the hymn, "More Love to Thee," was sung.

Mrs. Robinson closed these exercises by suggesting, that we adopt as our watch-word for the year the verse: "The meek shall inherit the earth."

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening sessions, read by Miss Leigh, were adopted.

Mrs. J. B. Hill of Pittsburgh, National Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced and gave greeting.

The President then appointed Mrs. Mary Fisk Park to carry greetings of our Society to the Iowa section of the Woman's Board, now assembled in that city.

Mrs. Hickman offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That we as a Society endorse the Peace movement, and earnestly hope, the time will soon come when the difficulties between nations will be settled by arbitration instead of war."

On a question of privilege Mrs. Bickley announced that Mrs. Minard had fallen and received serious injuries. Mrs. Burnett led in prayer for our sister; all standing during the petition. Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Tuttle and Dr. Haywood were asked to convey our regret and sympathy to Mrs. Minard.

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Mrs. S. M. Mills, chairman of committee on Mite-boxes, we as a Society desire to express our gratitude and appreciation of her splendid work and the great increase of interest in our Auxiliaries, and that we regret that she must sever her connection with the Mite-box work."

At this time Mrs. Ketcham, chairman of the Tellers, presented the result of the ballot taken yesterday for the Seventh Associate Manager. Whole number of votes cast, 148; necessary to a choice, 75. Of these Mrs. Minard received 62, Mrs. Bickley 35, Mrs. Bush 25, Mrs. Robertson 10, scattering 16. There being no election, another ballot was ordered, and a count of those entitled to vote was taken, resulting in 160. Mrs. Bickley and Mrs. Robertson withdrew their names as candidates, and the vote was taken.

Mrs. Murphy moved, that the alternate from the Nebraska Conference be allowed to take the seat of the absent delegate from that Conference. Carried.

Miss Bancroft moved that a vote of thanks and appreciation be given Mrs. Guernsey for the fine and arduous work performed by her as Secretary of Children's Work. This was done with applause.

Mrs. A. H. Webb, of Vermont Conference, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The plan known as the "Frontier Plan," by which a fixed portion of the dues of the Woman's Home Missionary Society may be used for the relief of needy preachers, is sanctioned in certain Conferences; and,

WHEREAS, Both the Maine and the Vermont Conferences are essen-

tially Frontier territory in the poverty of many of the fields and the need of many of the pastors; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society be respectfully petitioned to allow the Woman's Home Missionary Society of these two Conferences to retain one-half of their dues for Conference work.

This resolution created considerable discussion, those speaking being Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Onstott, Mrs. Gableman, Mrs. Heidel, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Cotton Mather, and Mrs. Weaver. The discussion was closed by Mrs. Webb, after which a rising vote was taken, resulting in the adoption of the resolution.

Dr. Haywood then presented Dr. Root of Keokuk, Iowa, who as physician and surgeon had rendered such valuable service to the residents of the Geo. O. Robinson orphanage in Porto Rico. Dr. Root spoke a few words of greeting.

The result of the ballot for Seventh Associate Manager was presented as follows: Number of votes cast, 156; number of votes necessary, 79. Mrs. D. A. Minard received 95, Mrs. Bush 46, Mrs. Robertson 8, scattering 6. Mrs. Minard was declared elected.

Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson moved that a vote of thanks be given the Tellers for the accurate work performed by them in the election. Carried.

Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, Secretary of the Bureau for White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee, introduced Mrs. Geo. W. Keen, Superintendent of Bennett Home at Clarkson, Miss. Mrs. Keen told of hardships brought on by the burning of Dickson Hall and of the immediate necessity of providing a suitable home for the many who sought admittance. She told several incidents showing the desire of the young people of that rural community to secure an education, and the self-denial of many who had benefited by our work, and were willing to sacrifice comforts and cherished plans in order that others might receive an education.

The following recommendation from the Board of Trustees was presented by Mrs. Aiken: "That we make the Clarkson, Miss., new building project the second preferred new work for this coming year." This was adopted.

The President then called by name the Field Secretaries to the platform. Mrs. Roberts was the first to be presented and said, that she had performed the work of a Field Secretary for 25 years, and now within a few months of her 80th birthday she wished to retire. She said, she was the "John the Baptist" of Field Secretaries. She had prepared the way for the younger Secretaries. She told of her work in this Des Moines Conference twenty years ago, when there was but one Auxiliary, and how it had grown till the present day.

Mrs. Robinson then presented Mrs. Roberts as well as all Field Secretaries and Reserve Field Secretaries with beautiful roses.

Mrs. Hill could only say that she felt that the office of Organizer and Field Secretary had been dignified because of the long life and service of Mrs. Roberts.

The Reserve Field Secretaries then came in procession and on introduction spoke a few words. Mrs. Woodruff said, if she had the time she would like to spend 12 months of each year in the work.

Mrs. Bodkin said she had been working for 26 years in the field.

Mrs. Miller had been interested lately in the Southwestern German Conference.

Mrs. Woodcock had been regularly and irregularly at work for nearly thirty years, she guessed.

Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors, Deaconess Field Secretary, repeated the motto "Saved for Service."

Mrs. Roach had for the past few months worked in the South, where conditions were such that there was great need for our Society to do more aggressive work.

Mrs. Onstott had for six months in the last year worked in four Conferences, mostly in Kentucky.

Mrs. Cotton Mather thanked the friends of the 17 Conferences for the motor-cycle made possible for her District Superintendent.

Miss Engel, Mrs. Bernheim, Mrs. Weaver, Miss Garrison, Miss Webb, Miss Swartz and Mrs. Dobson were also introduced and greeted.

Mrs. Nellie Snider, as Field Secretary, said she received her inspiration for the work from Mrs. Kent, who was invited by the President to the platform and told of the early experience of Miss Snider as a missionary among the Spanish people.

Mrs. Hill submitted the following:

Resolved, That Mrs. Williams, National Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. E. Y. King, Secretary of Supplies, draft a letter to all District Superintendents to whom our funds go for relieving the needs of pastors under their charge, asking that the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society be presented in every church, and the women be urged to enter into it. Adopted.

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park then came to the platform and in a loving and appreciative manner presented a rug to Mrs. Roberts, who accepted with great emotion.

Mrs. Hollingsworth then presented a Navajo rug to Mrs. Griffith, Corresponding Secretary of Des Moines Conference, as an appreciation of work of so many years in that Conference as President and Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Aiken gave greeting from some absent friends, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mrs. Gosling, Mrs. Perchment, and Mrs. James E. Gilbert of Washington, D. C., who pledged

$100 to name a room at Harlan, Ky., in memory of her son "Thompson Dale Gilbert." Mrs. Aiken was requested to return greetings to these interested friends.

Mrs. Woodruff announced the very recent death of one of the workers of the Newark Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, and on motion the delegation was requested to carry the sympathy of the Board to the sorrowing family.

All stood and recited the Mizpah Benediction, "The Lord watch between thee and me while we are absent one from another," and adjournment followed until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened with Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, of California, in the chair. Miss Martha Van Marter, of New York, led in a devotional service for consecration for the year's work. "Lead on, O King Eternal," was sung, and Miss Van Marter offered earnest prayer, after which the hymn, "In Heavenly Love Abiding," was sung, and Miss Van Marter directed our thoughts to the 17th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, the account of the transfiguration of our Lord. As Peter, James, and John were on the mount with the Lord, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the cloud uttered the words: "This is My beloved son. Hear ye Him." Miss Van Marter suggested that those words might mean something to us now. As the disciples wanted to stay on the mountain with the Christ, so we too would gladly stay with the people whose objective is the same as our own, where the atmosphere is full of love, but the time has come for us to go away: to go down to our places of work and privilege. Some of us feel a little timid about taking up our work again, but as the fears of the disciples were quieted when they lifted up their eyes and saw Jesus only, so may we have the same experience.

The remaining verse of the hymn was sung, and Mrs. I. D. Jones led in prayer, imploring God's blessing upon us in these closing hours of the Convention.

"The Son of God goes forth to war" was sung, and Mrs. Woodruff led in another prayer of consecration, in which she asked God that "we might see the bright cloud and hear the voice of God issuing from it, and that in this year we might win the greatest victory over self, the greatest victory over sin, and thus going forth into the years of service, doubtless we shall come to the end of it with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Thompson, and adopted.

Mrs. D. L. Rhone presented two resolutions from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries:

First—That a larger number of programs of annual meeting and of the addresses of the President and the report of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be printed next year, in order that the Secretaries may send them out to their Conferences.

Second—That the list of appropriations be sent out earlier in the year.

Mrs. Williams was called to the platform and stated that she was glad, the question of having the list of appropriations printed earlier being raised so that they might get into the hands of the financial secretaries at an earlier date. Resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. Bailey, of Central Ohio Conference, Chairman of the Committee on Place, reported that two places, Toledo, Ohio, and Washington, D. C., had extended invitations for the meeting of the National Board of Managers in 1913. Mrs. Freeman, from Central Ohio Conference, and Mrs. Thirkield, of Cincinnati Conference, spoke eloquently for Toledo, while Mrs. Street and Mrs. Roach brought earnest pleas from the Capital City. On motion, the invitation to Washington was accepted with thanks to Toledo, which for two years in succession had sent an invitation.

Dr. Haywood at this time reported that the committee which had been appointed to see Mrs. Minard at noon, reported that Mrs. Minard, while painfully hurt, was resting somewhat comfortably and hoped to return to her home tomorrow. Mrs. Minard sent an expression of love and gratitude to the Convention for their solicitude. Dr. Haywood offered a prayer in her behalf, thanking God that the accident had not been more serious, as it seemed almost miraculous, that she was not killed outright, and tenderly committed both Mrs. Minard and Mrs. McCarty to our Heavenly Father, bespeaking speedy recovery for them both.

Dr. Haywood at this time extended a cordial invitation to all who could, to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of Robinson Hall and Sibley Hospital, in Washington, on November 11th, where the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was to deliver the address. Dr. Haywood read a telegram from Judge Robinson, in which he accepted the invitation to be present.

Mrs. Williams, on behalf of special committee appointed, read a recommendation, as follows: (1) We recommend that the Anthracite Mission at Hazelton, Pa., be made National work. (2) That $1,000 per year for three years be returned to this work for the Building Fund. This money to be paid from the bequest already in the general treasury. (3) That $600 be appropriated for running expenses for the coming year, and relieve the general treasury from the claim for last year's unpaid appropriations. These resolutions were adopted seriatim, and the whole adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Staples, in behalf of the women of Central Pennsylvania Conference, thanked the Convention for their action.

Mrs. Burnett having visited Mrs. Minard and brought a message from

the sick room, in which Mrs. Minard wished to thank the Convention for electing her to the office of Associate Manager, and said that if God would spare her life, she would do her best to serve them in her new office.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following recommendations:

Page 380, Annual Report. To amend Section 5 of the Constitution by inserting in the list of officers entitled to a vote, *Secretary of Finance.* Carried. Also to revise by placing the clause, *Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference* after the list of National Secretaries. Adopted to take the usual course.

Page 381. In Section 5 change quarterly to *semi-annually.* Carried.

Page 385. To add to paragraph 25: *Associate Bureau Secretaries shall be entitled to voice and vote in the Annual Convention of the Board of Managers.*

Page 388. Under Finance, Sections 3 and 4 be made to conform to the action of last year and shall read: *That Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries and Conference Corresponding Secretaries shall report semi-annually, viz., January 15th and July 15th.*

Page 388, Finance. New paragraph No. 8, last clause of No. 7: *The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers, acting as a Committee of the Whole. This Committee shall not appropriate in any year more than the total available net income received by the Treasurer during the preceding fiscal year.*

Page 388. A new paragraph No. 11: *The payment of $20 Life Membership does not excuse the life member from the payment of annual dues. The life membership is purely honorary.* Carried.

Page 393, Constitution of District Associations. Strike out last clause of Section 4. Amend to read: *The five General Officers, viz., President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, after having been nominated, shall be elected by ballot.* Carried.

The Secretaries of Departments may be elected in such manner as the Association decides. The Officers and Department Secretaries shall constitute the Executive Committee of District Associations. Carried.

Page 394, Constitution for Auxiliaries, Articles III. Strike out *twenty cents, Contingent Fund.* Carried.

Page 395. Revise Paragraph 16 to read: *There shall be a Contingent Fund of twenty cents per member, provided by assessment, or by penny collections, or by any other method devised by Auxiliaries.* Carried.

The report of Committee adopted as a whole.

Resolution presented by Mrs. Margaret D. Moors:

That a Committee be appointed by the Board of Trustees on Revision of Constitution and By-laws for General Society, Conference and Auxiliary

Organizations in order to secure uniformity and clearer interpretation of rules regarding the advanced action along various lines of our great work.

Carried.

Miss L. Maude Eldredge, Director of Music in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Des Moines, sang a beautiful solo.

Mrs. Bickley stated that no Committee on Credentials had been appointed this year, and deemed it necessary that such a Committee be appointed. Mrs. Boswell moved the appointment of such a Committee by the Board of Trustees, to act for the next year. Carried.

Mrs. March, Treasurer of Cincinnati Conference, stated that the Conference Treasurers had felt that an organization of Conference Treasurers would be beneficial and moved that Conference Treasurers present at annual meetings should be given a voice and vote in the proceedings. After some discussion, it was decided to refer this matter to a Committee on the Revision of Constitution and By-laws.

A motion that we have a By-law to the effect that a Conference Board may elect an alternate to the Corresponding Secretaries when it is impossible for the Corresponding Secretaries to be present to attend the meeting, was referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Miss Carrie Barge read resolutions upon the resignation of Miss Guernsey as Secretary of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, as follows:

WHEREAS, It is with great regret that we learn of the resignation of Miss Alice M. Guernsey from the Secretaryship of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, and in view of her years of untiring efforts in the interest of our young people's work, be it

Resolved, That we express to Miss Guernsey our great appreciation of her services in this and other departments of our work, and assure her of our continued love and prayers.

Miss Mary B. Evans, Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, gave her report. The circulation of the paper had increased to 3,380 subscriptions, and paid-in-advance subscriptions had reached the number of 45,550. Miss Evans admonished the Conferences that had not increased, that other Conferences must make up their deficit, and urged that some definite plan be adopted it Conferences, Districts, and Auxiliaries to increase subscriptions. The goal is 50,000 subscribers, which would mean five new subscribers to each Auxiliary. Conference officers were urged to form definite plans to bring about this increase. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Evans then reported a circulation of 21,218 for *Children's Home Missions*, and while that number exceeds the number in our children's Societies, yet the decrease in subscribers amounted to 1617, and asked the Conferences to seriously consider this deficiency, and gave a most beautiful exhortation, that we cultivate the field, calling these periodicals the seeds which we are to scatter broadcast, that the harvest may be gathered later. Report adopted. (See Report.)

A resolution, signed by fifteen Bureau Secretaries, was offered upon the resignation of Mrs. W. F. Robertson, which resolution was adopted.

Inasmuch as Mrs. W. F. Robertson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has presented her resignation as Bureau Secretary of North Carolina Bureau, after years of faithful service, also as a Conference and National officer, we desire as Bureau Secretaries to express our deep regret for the necessity of this action. We shall miss her wise counsel and earnest enthusiasm in our conferences. Wherever her lot shall be cast in service for our God and our country, we pray God's blessing upon her, "for we shall still be joined in heart." (Signed): Mrs. R. H. Young, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Piatt, Mrs. E. W. Seeds, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, Mrs. S. S. Holmes, Mrs. H. T. Dennis, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Mrs. Annie H. Woodcock, Miss Katherine H. Bassett, Mrs. E. J. Parsons.

Mrs. Hollingsworth of Des Moines presented a resolution, sent by Mrs. Minard, as follows:

Since Iowa Bible Training School has outgrown the provisions made for Conference Training Schools, and as it has for many years really been a State Training School, we the undersigned, members of the four Conferences for Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Society, petition this Board of Managers to establish provisions for the management and maintenance of a State Training School—this one to be in fact, as it has always been in name, the Iowa Bible Training School. Signed:

Mrs. Naomi Day, *Corresponding Secretary,* Iowa.
Mrs. C. Haywood, *Corresponding Secretary,* Upper Iowa.
Mrs. Jas. Campbell, *Corresponding Secretary,* Northwestern Iowa.

Referred to Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park rose to state that she had attended the Presbyterial meeting of the United Brethren Church, assembled in Des Moines, and spoke of her kind and cordial reception by that body.

The representative of the Elizabeth E. Marcy Home asked that the name of the institution be changed to the Elizabeth E. Marcy *Center.* Such request having been approved by the Board of Trustees, the request was granted.

Mrs. Storms, chairman of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, stated the importance of her work. She said that over 60 young women had been accepted by the committee, and over 20 had been sent to our schools, and earnestly asked the prayers of the Society for these consecrated young women. Accepted.

Mrs. Aiken submitted recommendations from the Board of Trustees to the effect that this work be constituted a Bureau, and that Mrs. Storms be made Secretary of the Bureau for Missionary Candidates. Adopted.

A committee, appointed on one of the previous days, reported as follows (through Mrs. E. R. Willis): Recommended that the work immediately following the Day of Prayer (the last Thursday in February) be made Self-Denial Week for our entire membership, including Queen Esthers and Home Guards, and that the money thus obtained be sent directly through the Conference Treasurers to our General Treasurer. Adopted.

Mrs. Ragan from Kentucky presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Managers at their last Convention held at Wichita, Kan., adopted the work at Olive Hill and Harlan, Ky., as natonal work, therefore

Resolved, That we, the Kentucky Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, in session at Centenary M. E. Church, Lexington, Ky., October 9th and 10th, express our thanks and promise loyal support to the Society. MRS. MILWARD, *Recording Secretary.*

Mrs. Ragan, "the baby President" of Kentucky Conference, gave an earnest talk concerning her work in Kentucky.

A motion to adjourn was lost—many preferring to remain and hear further reports. A Board meeting being deemed necessary, Mrs. Robinson and Trustees withdrew, and Mrs. H. T. Dennis was called to the chair.

Mr. Spurlock, of Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb., was presented. Mr. Spurlock disclaimed the right to be called Doctor, saying that he was only a plain layman, known at the Home as Uncle Burrell. He gave some interesting facts in connection with his work at the Home, tenderly alluding to his good wife, who has been called to her eternal reward, but who commissioned him to go on with the work, which he was doing, trusting in God to direct and help him. He reported 77 children in the Home.

Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Secretary of Japanese and Korean Work, reported enthusiastically for the homes which she represented, especially commending the work done at the Ellen Starr Ford Home for Japanese Girls at San Francisco. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Adjournment followed a short, earnest prayer by Mrs. Roberts.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE closing session, presided over by Mrs. Robinson, was opened by prayer by Mrs. Secor, who prayed that we might be willing to do God's bidding.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Yount.

Mrs. R. H. Young reported the work at Sinuk and Nome, Alaska. The great need there being a new home as a social center, to take the place of the saloon. This building is to be called the Lavinia Wallace Young Home—a tribute to the devotion of the Secretary. (See Report.)

Mrs. J. H. Parsons reported for Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska. Encouraging work being accomplished. (See Report.)

Mrs. Bodkin represented the Indian work on the Pacific Coast, in the absence of Mrs. Johnson, the Secretary. There are about 1,000 Indians on the Yuma Reservation. There is great need for a hospital here, and Dr. Crouch has promised to raise $500, Southern California Conference $500, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society is asked to provide $500. She spoke of the great persecution of children who became Protestants. (See Report.)

Mrs. Greene, of Seattle, presented the need of providing a suitable home for immigrants at Seattle.

On motion of Mrs. Bickley, it was decided that this Board of Managers endorse the effort to open immigrant work in the city of Seattle, Wash., and that a local committee be appointed to supervise this work.

Dr. Haywood spoke effectively of the work in Porto Rico. (See Report.)

Mrs. Cotton Mather, in reporting for the Bureau for Reading Circles, said, "We are trying to create an atmosphere," and that this was the most important bureau of all. (See Report.)

Mrs. Watters, Corresponding Secretary of Detroit Conference, surrendered the "Reading Circle Banner" to Mrs. Mather, who presented it to the North Indiana Conference.

Mrs. J. E. Pratt, Secretary of the Chinese Bureau, reported the completion of the new building at San Francisco with only $3,000 still unpledged.

Mrs. L. P. Williams, of San Francisco, was introduced and told of the 75,000 Chinese in the United States, for whom very little is being done.

Mrs. Anna Kent, Secretary of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, reminded us that we are out of debt at Albuquerque. At Tucson we have 50 girls and could care for 50 more, had we the room.

Mrs. Ward Pratt was introduced by Mrs. Kent as her Assistant Secretary. She spoke of the work at El Paso with no appropriations. (See Report.)

Mrs. S. S. Holmes, Bureau Secretary for the Spanish work on the Pacific Coast, said, "There are 100,000 Spanish in Southern California, 40,000 in Los Angeles," and that their new building at Los Angeles, costing $2,600, could not accommodate all applicants.

"Stand up for Jesus," was sung. Dr. Haywood offered prayer.

Mrs. Albright announced that the Pastor of the First Church had just received a message, saying his son was about to undergo a serious operation. The President requested Mrs. Roach to offer prayer in their behalf.

Mrs. Robinson introduced Mrs. J. S. Burnett, our organist, who had served so faithfully during this Convention. A beautiful rug was presented in token of appreciation.

It was reported that at the final conference of Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Rhone were re-elected Leader and Recording Secretary. Approved.

Miss Hudson presented Miss Guernsey with an Alaskan basket, which was accepted gracefully.

Mrs. C. V. Beggs, of Denver, submitted report of Committee on Resolutions. On motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Aiken submitted the following recommendations from the Board of Trustees, which were adopted:

First—That the Bureau for Alaska be divided into two Bureaus—one to be called the Bureau for Alaska Aleuts, the other Bureau for Alaska Eskimos.

Second—That there be three new Bureaus in the Deaconess Department, to be named the New England Bureau, the Northern Bureau, and the Northwestern Bureau.

Third—That we constitute a Standing Committee on Evangelism, with Mrs. Wilbur P. Thirkield as Chairman.

Fourth—That a Standing Committee on Exhibits be constituted, with Mrs. C. L. Weaver as Chairman.

Fifth—That Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth be made Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Missionary Fund.

Mrs. Albright moved that the By-laws be adjusted to correspond with all changes and additions, and that these be referred to the Committee on Revision of By-laws. Carried.

Recommendations for Bureau Secretaries and Chairmen of Standing Committees were confirmed as found on pages 12 to 25.

A rising vote of thanks was heartily given the faithful editors of the daily paper.

Mrs. Aiken submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Assistant Secretaries have with ability and painstaking accuracy aided so largely in recording the proceedings of this Convention; therefore,

Resolved, That this body heartily join the Recording Secretary in tendering them deserved recognition in a rising vote of appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. Aiken moved that the unfinished business be referred to the Board of Trustees. Carried.

The minutes of the final session were presented by Mrs. D. D. Thompson and adopted.

Prayers were offered by Mrs. Hallie Hill, Miss Sophie Sprague, and Miss Carrie Barge.

The Convention arose and stood while Mrs. Delia Williams prayed that the presence and blessing of the Father and of the Elder Brother and the Holy Spirit might be with each one as she journeyed home. With the

ending of her words, the President, Mrs. Robinson, let fall the gavel and declared the Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church adjourned.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, *Recording Secretary.*
Mrs. E. L. Albright,
Mrs. D. D. Thompson,
Mrs. S. S. Beggs,
Mrs. N. K. Yount,
Miss Greeta Leigh,
Assistants.

Annual Address of the President.

Mrs. George O. Robinson.

Iowa is dear to all Methodists, and particularly so to all Home Missionary Methodists. One of our Secretaries has said that Home Missions has made Iowa "one of the most luminously white spots on the map." Iowa is a proof that Home Missions is not a localized cause; Home Missions has a world significance. Start a new State Christward, and it becomes a great base of world-salvation.

Iowa has made a record in giving over one million dollars for Foreign Missions, and some of her best sons and daughters have gone into the mission fields. Your own Des Moines Conference this last year through the women's societies contributed over $16,000 for Foreign Missions and over $12,000 to Home Missions. I do not wonder that Iowa appreciates the Home Mission cause.

Think, too, that the Methodism of this State is less than a century old! John Wesley's Cornish miners came to work the lead mines near Dubuque, and they are credited with the beginnings of Methodism in the State. The first Annual Conference was created in 1884. This Conference has enlarged into four English-speaking Conferences, and each of them is furnishing us strong Conference Societies doing good work. We have special interest in our Home Mission institutions, with which are associated the names of noble men and women who have made them possible. Graham Hospital, Keokuk; Shesler Deaconess Home at Sioux City, and our long-prized Training School and Deaconess Home in Des Moines! Truly we have rich possessions in Iowa. We hope to become further enriched through our German, Scandinavian, and Swedish Methodists of the State, whom we covet for our Home Mission work.

The General Conference and Its Lessons.

The acts of the General Conferences of our Church are of great moment to all its members. It represents the highest authority in Methodism. The General Conference of 1884 gave us legal existence, and succeeding Conferences have confirmed and strengthened our privileges. The General Conference of 1912 in a number of ways has aided and encouraged our work and workers. I invite your consideration to some of the measures taken.

In the deaconess work some specific methods we proposed were not accepted, but other of our methods were written into the new legislation that passed the General Conference, notably to have the Board composed of one member from each General Conference District and three Bishops. With a Board composed of good and able men, chosen from localities so widely distributed, the deaconess interests of this great connectional Society should be substantially

benefitted by their acts. The careful study of the present situation and the consequent more accurate knowledge of facts can not fail to aid us. Our faith in God and His guiding providence will carry us through to abundant success.

Let us pursue our work whole-heartedly, showing loving-kindness to all. I am impressed to give you as our verse for the coming year, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

Advancing Recognition of Woman's Work.

The General Conference of 1908 recognized our women workers by making the Presidents of the women's societies of the Church members of the Quarterly Conference. The General Conference of 1912 took a step further and made one President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of each pastoral charge members of the District Conference. Our Bishops recognized our service by these words: "The two connectional Missionary Societies conducted by our devoted sisters are marvels of efficiency in management and of fruitfulness in returns. The affairs of these growing organizations have reached a magnitude that challenges attention and commands respect, and still their movement is forward."

Mormonism and Debased Womanhood.

Our Home Mission forces have united in a fixed, implacable purpose to arrest the attention of the citizens of this Republic and concentrate it upon the evils of polygamous Mormonism. Our Bishop in the Episcopal Address well said: "Between the white slavery of the cities and the white slavery of the plains there is this difference: One is in defiance of religion and, therefore, of decency; the other in the name of religion and not, therefore, of decency. But which type is the more dangerous to the country—the infamous by-product of the saloon and dance-hall in the city, or that which is politically sheltered on the plains and respectably represented in Washington?"

Good women of our Society, the Home-mother Society of our Church, multiply your Reading Circles and Study Classes, so that our Mission Book for the year, "Mormonism, the Islam of America," may be purchased, read, loaned, and given by the hundreds of thousands, and its soul-stirring influence never cease until a new amendment shall be written into the Constitution of the United States that will destroy, root and branch, polygamous Mormonism in our great Republic.

The White-Slave Trade.

One year ago I asked you if the time was not ripe for our Society to take a step forward and unite our efforts with those of all good men and women who are bravely fighting against this frightful traffic.

I go still further this year and ask you to consider at this session the expediency of authorizing this work and connecting it with some Bureau now in existence or forming for its care a new Bureau.

Certainly the white-slave traffic is closely allied to the drink evil.

By the help of drink, and of drugs mixed with it, silly girls are led from the dance-hall and betrayed into the house of her whose steps take hold on hell.

Thousands of girls disappear every year, dragged down into the maelstrom of shame and living death. At first this traffic in girls was considered a myth, but professional men who came in contact with it declared white slavery to be a fact. The public was stirred and Vice Commissions found that many girls are captured and held in bondage against their wills, and that many other girls are forced to a life of crime to supplement their low wages. Rosamond Kimball in "The Survey" tells us that "a large percentage of the victims of the white-slave traffic are immigrants, whose ignorance alone is the cause of their fall." She recommends steerage social work that shall acquaint the women on the way with the dangers to which they are exposed. If our finances will not permit our Society to employ such social workers, could we, through a Bureau of Social Purity, join with other Christian societies in asking our Government to provide such workers?

Methodist Service for Slavs.

The women of our Society have in a number of instances anticipated the General Conference in a measure of importance. Such an instance is our mission among the Slavonic people.

For years some good women of the Pittsburgh Conference toiled and wept and prayed for the Slavonic people within their Conference bounds. They started a mission in a small way. They interested other good people. The mission prospered; a school was begun; it grew, and its needs became more insistent. The untiring, indefatigable workers implored our Trustees to make the school national. Our Society hesitated because of debt, but finally we accepted the school, and for the first time last year gave it a National appropriation of five hundred dollars. We ought this year to increase our appropriation and give it special gifts.

What did the last General Conference do? It authorized a Training School for Slavic and Romance Missionaries at Berea, Ohio; also the Board of Bishops were requested to prepare a course of study in the Bohemian Branch of the Slavic tongues for the use of preachers, missionaries, and deaconesses among the Slavs.

Surely, sisters, we have a right to thank God for making us in a modest way the leaders in this new department of our Training School for Slavic peoples. The McCrum Slavonic Training School is already in active service, while our brethren are preparing to open their school at Berea.

Systematic Giving.

This is another great movement in which our Society early took an advanced position. We have had our Bureau for Systematic Beneficence for many years. Our sister Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has given renewed emphasis to systematic giving during the last two years, and now the General Conference of 1912

has written into the Methodist Discipline a new declaration on Christian stewardship. These are the principles of the declaration:

"1. God is the giver and is the absolute owner of all things.

"2. Under grace man is a steward, and the steward holds and administers that which he has as a sacred trust.

"3. God's ownership and man's stewardship are best evidenced by the systematic application of a portion of income to the advancement of the Kingdom.

"4. Biblical and extra-Biblical history point to the setting aside of the tenth of the income as a minimum, and indicate a divine sanction of the practice and the amount.

"5. There should be careful, intelligent, personal, and prayerful consideration of the uses to be made of the money thus regularly set aside. This will require study not only of the local situation, but also of the missionary and benevolent work of the Church.

"6. Consistent use of the balance of the income not set aside."

Our Bureau of Systematic Beneficence for many years has been teaching that tithing is the basis of rational Scriptural giving, and that to adopt systematic giving will solve the problem of our Church benevolences.

A Sustentation Fund for Our Pastors on the Frontier and in Small Appointments.

A memorial from some Nebraska laymen was crowded out of consideration by the late General Conference, but its facts should be known. It says: "The Methodist Year-Book states that $750 is about the average paid pastors in our own Church; and whereas these amounts are entirely inadequate for the support of our ministers and their families, especially since the cost of living has advanced 20 per cent to 40 per cent during the past quadrennium, and in many cases our pastors are in debt by reason of obligations made while at our schools and colleges, and they find themselves utterly unable to meet their indebtedness because of their insufficient support; therefore it is, in the opinion of this General Conference, the duty of our District Superintendents in their several fields of labor to use every proper means in their power to have all salaries of at least $1,000 and under advanced as a minimum 20 per cent."

We are in entire sympathy with the plan of the memorial, but if every pastor in Methodism did receive the average of $750 our concern would not be so great as it is now. Even that amount does not equal the pay of good miners and mechanics, and it is a pathetic fact that not only does the preacher not always get what he is promised, but that, getting it, he is still inadequately compensated for his labor. The Secretary of the Board of Home Missions says that the Board is helping to sustain four thousand Home missionaries. "These are men who are big enough, good enough, strong enough, and true enough to stand before the Bishop and say, 'Send me anywhere;' and they are sent to places where the people can not support

them, and they know it when they go. There are 4,000 of God Almighty's aristocracy, doing what they can to bring this great land that we so proudly call our own, the land of our birth and of our fathers' graves, and cast it in subjection at the feet of Jesus Christ."

I wanted to know how far the help of our Society is needed in addition to that given by the Home Missions Board, and therefore wrote to some of our District Superintendents. I asked these questions:

"1. What is the average salary of preachers in your Conference?

"2. How many ministers in your Conference receive less than $500 a year?

"3. What reasons can you give as to why the Woman's Home Missionary Society should give special aid by a Sustentation Fund in Support of Preachers?"

Rev. W. S. Smithers, District Superintendent of the Vermont Conference, answered:

"1. The average cash support of the preachers in this Conference last year was $624.

"2. There were twenty-four men who received less than $500 in cash or support from the charge, and nine more who received only $500.

"3. Reasons why the Woman's Home Missionary Society should help:

"(a) Unless something is done to supplement the efforts of some of our weak rural charges, they must soon be abandoned, thus cutting off, to that extent, the source of supply of the Society.

"(b) If aid be given now, the prospect is that these rural sections will some day be repopulated and the Churches again become self-supporting.

"(c) In this day of high cost in living it is unjust to ask a man with a family, who must also keep a horse, to serve a charge for $500 or less and house.

"(d) If the present conditions continue, many young men who feel called to the ministry will decide that in justice to themselves and their families they must at least enter upon a service that will provide a comfortable support.

"(e) At present it is impossible to secure suitable men to care for these needy fields."

Rev. S. D. Gillilan, D. D., District Superintendent, Idaho Conference, writes:

"1. Average salary for the Conference, $632.

"2. Receiving less than $500, twenty-four preachers. Ten on Boise District receive, average, $260; eight on La Grande District, average, $235; six on Pocatello District, average, $244.

"3. One of the main reasons for the creation of a Sustentation Fund is that because of the remoteness of some of these charges from

settled centers, where the cultivated areas are small and the people as yet uninured to strategic conditions indigenous to the soil, climate, etc., they must have assistance from the outside world till they learn to stand and to walk. Much of our region will thus be semi-pioneer for years yet to come. Another is that, while the census gives us population, yet much of it is in newly-opened lands, where irrigation is needful, and the rates these people have to pay for water, final proof of claims, and legal settlement is so great they will be long getting out from under the burden of quieting title. Hence ministers who are godly enough and brave enough to labor there will receive very little from the people, compared to the value they give the needy folk."

Rev. D. B. Holt, D. D., District Superintendent in Maine Conference, answered:

"1. Our average salary is about $700 cash.

"2. Aside from parsonage, twenty-one receive $500 or less in cash. Smaller salaries are helped out by keeping hens, doing a little farming, giving music lessons, and the superb financial ability of the pastor's wife.

"3. We are not complaining nor envious of more favored brethren. Our Churches are small and must be so because our communities are small, and the members pay more per member for the support of ministers than the average."

Zion's Herald, recently speaking of New England's Rural Problem, says: "Just as acute, just as trying as the city problem, is the country problem." "So long as we carry on the rural work at a semi-dying rate, neglecting it, paying starvation salaries, we shall have plenty of places left to be supplied, and Churches that shall close their doors."

Noble-hearted, generous women, representing the Home Missionary organization of our land, need I say more? Have not these facts marshaled before you made clear that, while we are looking out for the needy and destitute in all parts of our country, we should not neglect our own faithful preachers, whose labors and teachings are the very foundation of our Church?

1. We already have an admirable Bureau for Mission Supplies, never better cared for than at the present time.

2. We also have a plan for what were formerly called "Frontier Conferences," by which in Conferences showing great need among the preachers we permit the half dues of the Conference to be returned to the Conference and distributed by the District Superintendents.

3. The California and Columbia River Conferences have direct Sustentation Funds. Our officers in the Conference take direct collections for the support of the pastors of the Conference who are insufficiently paid. These officers also claim that this fund is greatly appreciated by the pastors of the Conference, and many Churches have thus been opened to our organization where before we had no foothold.

I therefore recommend that in addition to our Supply Bureau a

Sustentation Bureau be formed, and that in such Conferences as desire, a Sustentation Fund may be authorized, under the care of a Conference officer reporting to a National Bureau Secretary.

A quadrennium of service closes with this annual meeting. You elected me to the high privilege of serving you as your President in 1908. For twenty years preceding I had served you in connection with your Deaconess Work.

The last four years have been years of arduous labor, but I have been supported, yes, uplifted by the loyal, grand co-operation of thousands of women throughout our more than one hundred Conference Societies. These years have been years of transition from the more simple methods used in our days of small beginnings to the larger administration methods toward which we are now tending.

Financially we have had a remarkable quadrennium. Both our income and our fields of labor have expanded beyond all previous quadrenniums. However, the difficulty of insufficient means to measure up to the great opportunities that confront us is as vital a question with us as it is with the brethren of the Boards of Home Missions and Foreign Missions. Last year, with a larger income than ever before, we yet failed to come out financially balanced to the sum of $100 deficit. This year we have a still larger income, but the pressure upon us to take new institutions is tremendous. I believe the time has come for us to put into our by-laws the provision that the General Conference has enacted for the Foreign Missions Committee (Discipline, ¶ 401, § 2) and the Home Mission Committee (¶ 422, § 6); viz., "The General Committee shall not appropriate in any year more than the total available net income received by the Treasurer during the preceding fiscal year."

I recommend this action as a by-law to the General Board of Managers, that it can be written into our Constitution.

Good Team Work.

Dear fellow-workers, how much do I owe you for the courage and strength that have come to me during the past year!

Your expression of loyal service and willing co-operation have lightened many a dark hour, and nerved mind and heart to greater effort. At the General Conference we heard a great deal of the ability of certain individuals to do "good team-work." We understand "team-work" to mean the subordination of selfish desires and ambitions to the common good. "Team-work" embodies the grand old motto of the Swiss Republic, "All for each, and each for all." "It takes the finest kind of courage to be fair, to be honest, and to be loyal, and these are absolutely necessary in good team-work."

The great secret of personal power is to recognize the good in all about us. You can obtain a tremendous driving-power by uniting the good qualities of all on one common great cause. Think of the immense practical results you can thus obtain.

The spirit of criticism is "the spirit of distrust, of suspicion, of a vague resentment, and that is only another name for the spirit of

weakness and inefficiency. The great forces of life are constructive—the forces of hope and love."

Our Society has made a great record during the past quadrennium, and we owe this wonderful history to the hard work and loyal co-operation of the thousands of members of our more than one hundred Conference organizations.

I have never published a message through the valuable pages of "Woman's Home Missions" but that immediate loyal responses have come in. It is a great privilege to be able to address in this way an audience of over one hundred thousand.

These four years have been years of change and transition from the methods used in our earlier years to those toward which we are aiming.

Four years ago there was a Woman's League in the Great Northwest, aiming to do the same work for the preachers that is done by our efficient Supply Bureau. During these four years the officers of the Woman's League consulted with us and, becoming convinced that our Society would use its best efforts to aid our preachers in the Northwest, paid us the compliment of voluntarily disbanding their organization. There have been other knotty problems and plenty of hard work—but also great joys and rich rewards. Never in any four years have we built so many new buildings, started so many new missions, and put on a substantial basis so many of our older institutions. Never have we so grown in both income and membership as during the past quadrennium. Never have we come to an Annual Meeting with such a record as has been made to you to-day.

Why am I telling you this? Because greater tasks lie before you. The reward of hard work is harder work to do. What a privilege is work—hard work—for soon the night cometh, when no one can work! Thank God we have "to-day" in which to work!

"Who would sit down and sigh for a lost age of gold
When the Lord of all ages is here?
True hearts will leap up at the trumpet of God,
And they who can suffer can dare.
Each old age of gold was an iron age, too,
And the meekest of saints may find stern work to do
In the day of the Lord that's at hand."

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams.

Is Modern Civilization in Danger?

Under this title a startling article appeared in the April number of Current Literature. In the writer's thought the signs that our civilization is in danger are:

(1) That religion, while preserving considerable intellectual power, has lost much of its effectiveness as a guardian of moral order. Public life has been secularized and in private life religion has less and less influence.

(2) Woman's religious ideal has given place to a sensational individualism resulting in childless families, divorces, and suicides.

(3) People are restless, scurrying to and fro like ants disturbed in their hill. There is no leisure for high things in literature, art, or religion. The Sabbath, once given to religion and the family, is spent in distractions, often in profane amusements.

(4) There is a prevalence of show and sham which leads to an inordinate desire for money and all its attendant evils and crimes. The story of Rome threatens to become the story of our modern civilization. The dangers named by the writer do exist. Conditions are depressing and alarming, but let us thank God that the Church is not dead, and Christ has a remedy for all these threatened evils; but it is not in chopping off a branch here and there, or conducting an investigation which may result in a fine of a few hundreds, or a few months of elegant imprisonment. Out of the heart proceeds that which destroys, and the Church must find a way to reach the hearts of this Nation, that character may be transformed, that men and women may be born again, so that they will love the law of the Lord and live above the civil law because they love their brother.

It is the business of the Church to conserve everything that is good in our civilization and purge it of the evil. We, you and I, are the Church in our measure; so it is our business, yours and mine, and it is the business of this Society that we here represent. The task we have before us to help save our civilization is not an impossible one, for with men and God nothing that ought to be done is impossible. Let us but teach our eyes to see the needs, and lift our soul to God for ability to comprehend our problems, and we shall feel something of the surgings of God's power quickening us to action. Let us ally our influence with that of every other movement for better things, and the Son of God will go forth to war in our persons as His representatives.

Sisters, we have not yet felt the hunger of the world, nor the awful chains of the sinner as bound with Him. We have not realized

what the failure of our civilization, fairest tree of God's planting, would mean to the world. Should Christ, longing for fruit and finding none, say some day to this fig tree, "Let no fruit be found on thee henceforth forever," it would be the blackest day the world has ever seen. May God save us and our children from such an awful midnight!

Statistics.

The past year has been one of internal growth rather than of an external enlargement. Our Conferences send in reports of added strength and purpose in their work rather than of greatly increased membership. If we really have the added purpose and consecration, we may look for growth in members the coming year. We now report 125,553 auxiliary members, a gain of 6,423; young people, 33,880, a gain of 3,661—a total gain of 10,084—with a commendable gain in the number of Guards and Jewels.

Criticism has been made upon the disagreement of Home Missionary statistics. If such criticism is well founded, and it quite likely is, it has not arisen from carelessness, but probably from the fact that some of our workers have not been careful to note that the Home Missionary year closes July 31st, and not with the Board of Managers' meeting.

Will it not be wise for this Board to direct that, for the sake of uniformity in statistics, all statistical reports shall cover the year from July 31st to August 1st of the following calendar year?

Organization.

There is no doubt that the founders of the Woman's Home Missionary Society were guided to the best form of organization possible to them. It plans for the perfect covering of every foot of Methodist territory in the country through its Annual and District Conferences and its local Church organizations. But no machinery, however perfect, has power to work itself. That must be supplied from without, and the power must be constant and equable, or the machinery will act but fitfully.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is not working up to its limit. If a man should drive over his field, cutting here and there an especially inviting patch of grain, he would hardly command our respect as a farmer. But this is the way we are cultivating our fields. We are too apt to select some of the most responsive Churches in a city, and secure fair organizations, and then shut down our machinery and call our work done for the present, forgetting that we have secured but a very small fraction of the Christian conscience and impulse that is to be won. What of the small Churches and the country Churches? Have we not observed that our bequests and annuities and large gifts come more often than otherwise from the country and village Churches? Was not my friend surprised at a missionary meeting on a rainy day in a little country church with a check for one thousand dollars? Was not King Home named for a bequest of $2,500 from the occupants of a little farm near my own

town? And was not the Elizabeth Ritter Home named for the gift of a good woman of my Conference obtained by selling her little farm? These examples might be multiplied. We are not cultivating our field properly when we neglect the small village and the country Church.

Neither are we doing our task properly when we deliver a single missionary message and expect permanent interest. Heaven is not reached by a single bound, neither is a strong, well-grounded society built upon a single message. There must be educating, training, helpfulness, until a society can walk and not faint. When Christ first touched the blind man he saw men only as trees walking, teaching us that perfection is a gradual attainment. We must carefully nurse our organization into a strong and independent life, and our women must accept the responsibility of patiently doing this necessary nursing, and they must not complain if organizations that are not cared for die of inanition.

Field Workers.

Our field workers are the appointed allies of the Conference and district officers in this work. They are called not only to organize, but to instruct and encourage, to give of their own overcoming faith and divinely-supplied strength to those who lack courage and are ready to faint, and sent them on their way rejoicing. These good women are waiting to serve you. Call for these Ruths and set them to gleaning in your fields, and you will find them coming in at the close of the day with their laps full of precious grain. I beg of you, put them to work and do not hurry them too rapidly over your Conferences. Again and again some of your organizations must be visited. Permit us to send our Timothy and Titus and Tychicus, that they may complete what is lacking in the saints in your various fields.

Bureau Statistics.

While the Society depends for its receipts on the Conference officers, and they in turn on the auxiliary societies, the disbursing officers are largely the Bureau Secretaries. It is these women upon whom we put the duty of making one dollar do the work of two. They recommend the purchase of property, prepare plans, look after contracts, build buildings, and often, if the money does not come into the treasury, they draw upon their own resources until means are available. The valuable property the Society reports is largely the fruit of the painstaking care and unselfish work of the Bureau Secretaries. They employ the teachers, decide upon courses of instruction and methods of management. They look after the details of repairs and furnishings. They audit monthly all the bills and see that money is provided to pay them. When the Bureau Secretary has several homes and schools in her care, we can somewhat realize the time and thought that must be given to them.

Possibly we have not fully recognized our obligations to these women. When they write you letters setting forth their need of

pledges to carry forward their lines of work, I beg you will give each one a word of cheer, even if you can not respond to each with a pledge. Remember them in your prayers, even if you have no money for them. It is your work they are pleading for, and they are your servants who come to you in Christ's name. Let no thought of annoyance or criticism for a moment enter your mind, but on the contrary, abundant gratitude and thanksgiving for their arduous labors for the Society which we all love.

Our Missionaries.

No society has a more consecrated body of missionaries than the one you represent; women whose abilities and education might secure for them large financial returns are giving their best years to hard, monotonous work at small salaries or meager allowances, that they may serve the Church and the Master. For Christ's sake they love their work and are happy in it. They love to serve and are loved by the humble people whom they serve, and some of them, after long service, die each year at their posts rejoicing. Let us thank God for their consecration and pray daily for their health and their success.

General Conference.

A Quadrennial Report to the General Conference was prepared and submitted, as usual. An anniversary meeting was held in an afternoon early in the session, the President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, presiding. The program presented the various phases of our work and was well received by a large audience.

The chief legislation of the General Conference affecting the Woman's Home Missionary Society was in regard to the deaconess work, of which the General Superintendent of the Department of Deaconess Work will speak.

Action was taken making "one President of an Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and one President of an Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society from each pastoral charge in the district" members of the District Conference.

(See Par. 97, Discipline, 1912.)

Interdenominational Activities.

The growth of interdenominational co-operation has been very marked during the past year, which is largely due to the excellent plans of the Council of Women for Home Missions. Under the auspices of the Council seven Summer Schools of Missions were held; namely, at Northfield, Mass.; Chautauqua, N. Y.; Winona, Ind.; Omaha, Neb.; Merriam Park, Minn.; Boulder, Colo.; and Mt. Herman. Cal. At each of these the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Church was represented both on the program and in the management. Methodist women should now plan to assist in the proposed "extension conferences," the purpose of which is to reproduce in each locality the influence and helpfulness of the Summer Schools, and thus conserve their results.

The past summer for the first time Mt. Lake Park opened the way for an interdenominational Missionary Institute. Our Society was represented by invitation at the Lakeside (Ohio) Bible Conference, and six lectures on the text-book and a public meeting created new interest in Home Missions. This summer for the first time the work of the Society was presented in the Missionary Conference at Bay View, Mich., where our representative was most cordially received and gave three addresses.

Able women represented us at each of the seven Conferences of Students, held under the direction of the National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations. Camp-meetings, Epworth League Institutes, and many similar gatherings of Methodists were visited by representatives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who through public addresses and use of literature did much to increase the interest in the work of the Society.

We now have on file the names of four hundred and fifty-six Methodist college girls who came under the influence of these Conferences, and who by some concerted action on our part should be led positively to identify themselves with our denominational Home Missionary movements. They should be utilized by their respective Churches to pass on their information and enthusiasm to the young people of their various congregations. Ought we not to devise a plan for doing this?

Debt and Bond-Burning.

A good degree of progress has been made in the discharge of our indebtedness as represented in the bond-burning. One more year of united effort will, it is hoped, finish this task to which we have set ourselves, and then the money that has been devoted to this effort can be applied on new buildings.

Enterprises Completed.

We have completed during the year the following enterprises:

The new school building at Camden, S. C., called Hubbard Hall. is completed and furnished at a cost of $25,000, and is now occupied.

The new Peck Home at New Orleans is also finished and occupied. This property is valued at $35,000.

A fine Italian Settlement building is completed and has just been dedicated at Utica, N. Y., valued at $25,000. This work is in charge of deaconesses.

The dedication of the new Boston Immigrant Home occurred September 26th, the following four days being devoted to receptions and exercises. The building is well adapted to the work for which it is built. It has cost about $25,000.

Two new Homes for working women have come under our care this year. The Hobbs House Girls' Club is the gift by Mr. James M. Hobbs of his own Chicago residence to Grace Church, Chicago. The institution is in the care of the Rock River Conference and has in it thirty happy girls, and will be self-supporting.

The Amee Home for working women and girls at Gardiner, Me.,

is the gift of Miss Lucy Amee. This Home is in the care of deaconesses.

A good three-story building, called Sheldon Hall, has been added to the Cunningham Orphanage at Urbana, Ill., at a cost of $20,000.

A Deaconess Home has been opened at Binghamton, N. Y., under the care of the Wyoming Conference.

The new Navajo building is nearly completed and school work in it has begun.

At Albuquerque, N. M., property has been given by Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Porterfield, in memory of their daughter, for the opening of a small hospital to be called the Harwood Deaconess Hospital. To this gift Dr. Harwood has added sufficient land to make an ample site for future growth. All available room is now occupied.

A new and much-needed property, valued at $9,500, has been added to the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, with no debt.

The Catherine P. Blaine Japanese Home, of Seattle, Wash., was dedicated September 22d and gives promise of great usefulness.

An excellent property has been purchased in Portland, Ore., for industrial settlement work, at a cost of $12,000, and work has begun in it. The dedication took place September 15th.

Enterprises Under Way.

Several important enterprises are under way.

Work has begun upon our larger hospital in Washington, D. C., which will probably cost $150,000. This building is to be called Robinson Hall, for Judge and Mrs. Robinson, of Detroit.

A gift of one hundred acres of beautiful farm land has recently been made to the building of Robinson Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Longwell, of Middle Point, Ohio. This gift is valued at $25,000 and will name a portion of the building to be called "Longwell Children's Ward."

The main building of the Kansas City Training School is in process of erection and is to be called Schoellkopf Hall. The cost will not be less than $50,000.

Work was opened last year at Olive Hill, Ky., where an industrial building is being erected at a cost of $10,000, largely the gift of the people in the locality.

At Harlan, in Southeast Kentucky, a good property has been purchased adapted to the beginning of a school and industrial work. The building is to be called The Erie Conference Home.

An addition to the E. L. Rust Home, costing about $8,000, is about to be erected at Holly Springs, Miss., which will double the capacity of the Home. This additional room is greatly needed.

"The New Bennett Home" to be built at Mathiston, Miss., will soon be begun and is recommended by the Board of Trustees as a special work for the coming year.

A lot of fourteen acres has been purchased for the new Savannah school building, and the money is provided for its erection.

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The Training School building for Domestic Industries at Atlanta is not yet begun, but we have had it in mind so long and have become so familiar with the thought of it that it seems as if it were already built. Our faith approaches the substance of things hoped for. May we find this faith soon changed to sight, and to this end let us work and pray. We want to let dear Miss Mitchell's soul depart in peace when she is finally called, because her eyes have seen the realization of her long-deferred hope.

Work Proposed and Recommended.

We have several approved enterprises not yet undertaken.

For some years we have been looking forward to a settlement building at El Paso, Texas, and we hope, when the present Mexican difficulties are settled, to see this building take substantial form.

There must be a settlement building at Cedartown, Ga., or we must give up the work, and that can not be thought of.

The McCrum Training School for Slavic girls at Uniontown, Pa., must have larger accommodations if it is to do the work which lies before it.

There must be an adequate building in the growing and beautiful city of Austin, Tex., if we are to maintain our position and do effective work in the West Texas Conference. Our building, a small dwelling house, is not at all in keeping with our surroundings or our opportunities or what is expected of our great Methodist Church.

If we are to avail ourselves of the magnificent gift of a 160-acre farm worth $30,000 at Polo, Ill., we must build there very soon; and we should also have without delay our proposed training-school for missionaries and deaconesses for our colored students who are asking for this training.

Utah.

The Bureau Secretary for Utah says of the field, "The new Utah is already in sight." She sees great encouragement in the fact that the young people are beginning to think for themselves. When several hundred students in one of their colleges recently proposed a prohibition movement in the town, and they were forbidden to march through the streets in its promotion, the leader of the young people said, "I shall march as a private citizen, and any who wish to march with me can do so."

The Secretary recommends most strongly the introduction into our schools in Utah of Home Economics for girls and Manual Training for boys, where no such instruction is provided by the public schools. We ought carefully to consider this recommendation and,

if thought wise, indorse it and authorize the Secretary to provide such classes as early as possible.

Mormonism is a cult that threatens the peace of the Nation and our work in Utah should have more of our attention and financial help than it has had in the past. It is providential that this is just now the topic of our new study-book.

Homes for Working-Girls.

May I call your attention to one form of Christian service which presents a most promising field; namely, Homes in our cities for working-girls? None but the girls themselves know what it means of deprivation and loneliness, of temptation and heart-hunger, to be in a great city with no place to call home. I know a young woman of fine parts, a college graduate, who with limited means went to New York City to spend the winter in some special study. Her purse compelled her to find a comparatively cheap place, and the only respectable one she could find was a small hall-bedroom on the fourth floor (no elevator), with no heat in the room. Is it any wonder that girls less instructed and fortified, when offered pleasant rooms with comfort and books and company, yield to temptation? By providing comfortable Christian homes at moderate prices for working-girls we shall be able not only to hide a multitude of sins, but to earn the gratitude of worthy young women and save souls to the Kingdom. We now have under our care two such homes. May the day come when we shall have many of them!

Siloam Springs.

A year ago we were urged to take up work at Siloam Springs, Ark. You voted to do so, and work was begun in a rented property. Subsequently local difficulties arose which seemed to make it expedient that we withdraw until they should be settled by the people themselves, which we did. The Arkansas College itself has now undertaken the work of providing a dormitory for its girls, so we are not needed at present.

A Nation-Wide Campaign for Home Missions.

All of our women know of the great and unique Home Missionary movement behind which stand twenty-seven Home Mission Boards and nine Woman's Boards, which was formally inaugurated September first under the leadership of Dr. Charles Stelzle, and which is to culminate in a week of Home Missionary meetings to be held in all the Protestant Churches in the land. The pastors and Churches have been reading fresh Home Missionary literature sent out each week; instructive posters, one each week, have been distributed, to be hung in Sunday schools and churches; pastors have been asked to call the attention of their congregations to the topics assigned in their social meetings; short weekly exercises have been prepared for the Sunday

schools and sent out free of cost; all these preparations to reach a climax in a Home Missionary week, November 17th to 24th.

The exercises this week, which have been carefully planned in detail, will be an attempt to impress all Protestant America with the supreme importance of saving this country for service to the entire world. Our own Church, so deeply interested in Home Missions, must make this week a great occasion. Dr. Stelzle, a Home Missionary expert, has had this whole campaign in charge, and if we give hearty co-operation our own denomination should gather large results from this movement.

An excellent body of literature and helps of various sorts can be had for the asking from our Board of Home Missions, 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Our Children.

The Master has entrusted to the care of our Church in America at least two million children. Are we feeding these lambs as we are commanded to do? Our Sunday schools, Junior Leagues, and Church Missionary Societies should be effective training-schools for a Church full of devout young people for Christian service ten years in the future. The Woman's Home Missionary Society reports 29,000 in 1911 in our children's organizations, leaving 1,971,000 outside our children's home missionary societies. But if we had the two millions all enrolled to-day, who would care for them? You know how difficult it is to induce women to become leaders of children's bands. It is so easy to say, "O, I can not." But what shall we say when the Master asks us, by and by, "Where are the children I asked you to train for Me?" Shall we begin to make excuse, or shall we, self-condemned, be speechless? Certainly we can not in our own strength, but power and love and a sound mind can be had if we seek it. I hear Him say, "O, ye of little faith, ask, and this mountain of difficulty will be plucked up and buried in the sea, out of sight and mind forever." Of these little ones that we neglect is to be constituted the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and beyond if we do our duty. Do we covet these stars enough to sacrifice other pleasant things to do this for Him? Many of these are capable of becoming, and are to be, foremost in Church and State. How our pulses will quicken should one of them say, by and by, "It was you who helped me to become what under God I am!" Is it not worth while?

Vision and Plan.

I spoke to you last year of the importance of a vision of the needs, and of out-reaching plans into the future to meet these needs. May I again emphasize the importance of this forward look if we are to secure the highest success? This vision of the future is the "angel of His presence" to beckon every woman, from those in the Auxiliary Society to those of the Board of Trustees. This ideal of attainment should be the atmosphere in which we live and move. This will be the "anchor of hope" which will hold us steady in every

season of discouragement; this will be the up-springing gale which will fill our sails when a dead calm threatens us.

What can we do in the next five years? We can increase our membership of Auxiliary and Circle Societies from 159,000 to 200,000. We can increase our annual income $250,000. We can increase the efficiency of all the centers of work we now have and open new fountains of healing. We can complete building projects now begun and add others as wisdom dictates.

If the Secretaries of Bureaus would sit together before this meeting adjourns and plan a forward movement for the next five years, and submit their plan to a meeting of the Conference Secretaries and get their approval, and jointly develop a method to be submitted to the Auxiliary Societies, we should all have inspirational ideals toward which to work.

Sisters, do you approve, and will you do it, and thus make for all our women a clear and easy path of progress?

May I ask you once more to take a message to the women of your Conferences? We must seek and secure the baptism of the Spirit, the spirit of self-denial, the impulse to spend and be spent for the saving of Christ's shepherdless sheep, or fail of the success we covet. Dr. Ward Platt says, "We are doing a work that is absolutely essential," and Mrs. Bishop Anderson says, "It is God-appointed, and therefore imperative." Since we have a God-appointed and an absolutely essential work to do, what a motive we have to self-denying faithfulness in its performance!

This is the exhortation, "In the morn sow thy seed, and at eve hold not thy hand."

"O spiritual seedsman, cast with unregretful hand thy rich grain forth, and think it not dead because it lies so long locked in the human breast! Time, slow to foster things of lesser growth, broods o'er thy work, and God permits no waste."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxiliaries	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.					Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
		Auxiliaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Alabama	5	93								14	
Arizona	8	179								69	25
Arkansas	5	109				3				30	20
Atlanta	20	270									
Austin	5	99				99				42	
Baltimore	68	2185				313				877	808
Black Hills Mission	3	56								21	
Blue Ridge	3	50									
California	58	1791								509	333
Central Alabama	4	43									
Central Illinois	51	1837				917				609	372
Central Missouri	6	56									
Central New York	98	3944				4				1011	503
Central Ohio	100	3739				113				1063	276
Central Pennsylvania	54	2176				217				526	597
Central Tennessee	4	37									
Chicago German	7	137									
Cincinnati	74	2756				81				753	457
Colorado	52	1145								371	114
Columbia River	30	879				139				241	148
Dakota	17	326								104	10
Delaware	27	372								48	
Des Moines	85	2875								1070	531
Detroit	121	4261				856				1578	939
East Maine	4	87								21	27
East Ohio	80	2882								965	307
East Oklahoma	7	109									
East Swedish	1	16									
East Tennessee	9	60									
Erie	95	3347				88				1133	1351
Florida	1	25								14	
Genesee	85	3217								901	698
Georgia	4	32									
Gulf	2	11									
Holston	17	554								140	41
Idaho	7	277				137				75	21
Illinois	66	2364								874	102
Indiana	63	2907				150				718	281

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—Continued.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxiliaries.	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.					Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
		Auxiliaries.	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Iowa	45	1930				25				766	265
Kansas	43	1239				46				660	125
Kentucky	9	286								66	20
Lexington	40	381				8				101	37
Lincoln	23	97				9				20	6
Little Rock	45	187				49				40	26
Louisiana	45	418								12	
Maine	43	771								163	123
Michigan	85	2661								886	373
Minnesota	37	739				193				238	309
Mississippi	6	59									
Missouri	9	214								59	
Montana	3	86								32	10
Nebraska	54	1571				40				416	146
Nevada Mission	1	32									
Newark	55	2520								798	563
New England	63	1825								449	285
New England Southern	40	1147				22				435	582
New Hampshire	35	685								206	182
New Jersey	56	2843				75				472	278
New Mexico—(English)	6	120				75				55	12
New Mexico—(Spanish)	4	37									
New York	46	1624				5				427	193
New York East	43	2334				178				691	363
North Carolina	10	140									
North Dakota	15	261								125	10
North Indiana	79	3005				535				1036	317
North Montana	3	67								37	10
North Nebraska	30	750				17				330	120
North Ohio	59	2260				105				731	155
Northern Minnesota	41	1027								378	225
Northern New York	97	2987								916	292
Northwest Indiana	54	2058				448				888	384
Northwest Iowa	81	1947								686	219
Northwest Kansas	44	834				408				348	153
Northwest Nebraska	3	37									
Ohio	51	2414				306				764	191
Oklahoma	26	647				335				243	131

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—Continued.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxil-iaries.	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.									
		Auxil-iaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Read-ing Circles	Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
Oregon	36	1233								334	66
Philadelphia	79	3015				500				638	245
Pittsburgh	80	3650				70				1256	373
Porto Rico	2	70									
Puget Sound	37	1201				196				436	194
Rock River	128	4577								1358	707
Savannah	8	66									
St. Johns River	3	51				1				45	
St. Louis	36	1078								272	121
Southern California	118	4949				26				1482	551
South Carolina	6	96									
South Florida Mission	2	26									
South Kansas	21	793				46				347	124
Southern German	2	41									
Southern Illinois	37	1122				64				365	183
Southwest Kansas	52	2002				172				686	243
Texas	70	130				20				20	
Tennessee	3	36									
Troy	71	2431				20				630	193
Upper Iowa	64	2489				581				887	439
Upper Mississippi	17	53				2				28	
Utah Missiou	7	91								4	
Vermont	46	979								239	159
Washington	30	450				15				76	
West Nebraska	18	234									
West Texas	45	211				80				39	2
West Virginia	25	794								197	72
West Wisconsin	33	705								196	70
Wilmington	31	1230				50				326	136
Wisconsin	35	715				155				170	50
Wyoming	86	2892								704	295
Wyoming Mission	3	37								12	
Totals											
Not reported by Conf. Secretaries			33785	5671	21555					2542	2929
Totals	4006	125553	33785	5671	21555	7994	82	1	1	40550	21218

Annual Report of the Treasurer.

MRS. GEORGE H. THOMPSON.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Year Ended July 31, 1912.

		Cash.	Vouchers.	Total
General Fund:				
Conference Receipts		$128,769 36		
Miscellaneous Conferences		101 16		
Cincinnati Office		247 15		
Account, Sale of Brooklyn Property		750 00		
Account, Rent of Brooklyn Property		52 57		
Refunds		885 90		
Miscellaneous		476 75		
		$131,282 89	$15,181 45	$146,464 34
Building Improvement		459 81		459 81
Student Aid:				
Conference Receipts		61,271 11	12,491 69	73,762 80
Special Fund:				
Conference Receipts	$67,992 08			
Other Sources	16,964 69	84,956 77	208,373 26	293,330 03
Total "Conf." and "Other Receipts"		$277,970 58	$236,046 40	$514,016 98
Other Income:				
Annuities	$14,339 30			
Bequests	7,971 13			
Endowments	149 08			
		22,459 51		22,459 51
Monthly Publication		4,000 00		4,000 00
Interest on Investments		2,478 25		2,478 25
Total Income Receipts		$306,908 34	$236,046 40	$542,954 74
Vouchers of Deaconess Homes			180,426 15	180,426 15
			$416,472 55	$723,380 89
Value of Supplies				87,397 45
				$810,778 34
Other Receipts—Not Income:				
Investments Returned		$8,300 00		$8,300 00
Notes Payable		51,500 00		51,500 00
		$366,708 34	$416,472 55	$870,578 34
Cash Balance, August 1, 1911				1,672 42
				$872,250 76

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended July 31, 1912.

		Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
Administration and Supervision:				
Officers' Salaries and Expenses	$6,478 92			
Office Salaries	9,247 26			
Office Expenses	4,063 70			
		$19,789 88		
Annual Meeting	$2,579 37			
General Conference	1,502 75			
Organizers	9,663 17			
Deaconess Travel	2,648 45			
		16,393 74		
Insurance	$2,829 63			
Printing	5,469 58			
Taxes	260 74			
Legal Expense	556 65			
Mite-boxes	463 69			
Miscellaneous Travel	829 45			
Brooklyn Property Expense	440 00			
Editing Annual Report	275 00			
Campaign Fund	350 00			
Inheritance Tax	100 00			
Miscellaneous	790 30			
		12,365 04		
Interest on Notes Payable.	$2,912 95			
Interest on Annuities	4,717 18			
Interest on Endowments	772 08			
		8,402 21		
Total Administration Ex.		$56,950 87		$56,950 87
Expenses of Homes, Schools, Etc.:				
Teachers' Salaries	$60,502 43			
Teachers' Travel	6,323 90			
General	61,320 75		$15,181 45	
	$128,147 08			
Student Aid	52,599 24		12,491 69	
Special Fund	84,255 85		208,373 26	
Permanent Deaconess Fund	2,350 00			
Total for carrying on work		267,352 17	$236,046 40	$503,398 57
Total Expenses		$324,303 04	$236,046 40	$560,349 44
Vouchers of Deaconess Homes.			180,426 15	180,426 15
Other Disbursements:				
Investments	$7,955 12			
Notes Payable	35,000 00	42,955 12		42,955 12
Total Disbursements		$367,258 16	$416,472 55	$783,730 71
Balance at July 31, 1912		1,122 60		1,122 60
		$368,380 76	$416,472 55	$784,853 31
Value of Supplies				87,397 45
				$872,250 76

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Balance Sheet, July 31, 1912.

Assets.

Cash		$1,122 60
Investments		72,558 83
Accounts Receivable:		
Adaline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.	$881 86	
McCleskey Home, Boaz, Ala.	1,366 63	
Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla.	4,379 65	
Browning Home, Camden, S. C.	600 00	
Peck Home, New Orleans	5,474 33	
		12,702 47
Buildings and Grounds:		
Southern Work	$374,550 00	
Utah	51,600 00	
New Mexico and Oklahoma	30,000 00	
Alaska and Indian	25,000 00	
Pacific Coast and Honolulu	100,000 00	
Porto Rico	27,700 00	
Children's Homes	100,000 00	
City Missions	275,500 00	
	$984,350 00	
Training Schools, Homes, Hospitals, Etc.:		
Owned $1,356,986 39		
Affiliated (per contra) 375,000 00		
	1,731,986 39	
Total Owned and Affiliated		2,716,336 39
Total Assets		$2,802,720 29

Liabilities.

Notes Payable		$63,000 00
Debt on Training Homes, Hospitals, etc		155,839 70
Accounts Payable:		
Mothers' Jewels Home (special)	$10,965 77	
Alger Loan Account	545 00	
Community School (Clark Bequest)	589 15	
Colored Deaconess Home (Nashville)	1,954 51	
Boaz and Eliza Dee Homes (Sale Texas Property)	4,259 30	
Meridian (Miss.) Account	140 00	
Fisk Training School, Kansas City	3,000 00	
Rock Springs, Wyoming	350 00	
Colored Work, East St. Louis	100 00	
Slavonic Work, East St. Louis	250 00	
American Highlanders	300 00	
		22,453 73
Endowments:		
Uninvested	$19,515 60	
Invested	48,937 88	
		68,453 48
Annuities		161,759 63
Building, Grounds, and Equipment Account		1,968,692 90
Affiliated Property Account (per contra)		375,000 00
Total Liabilities		$2,815,199 44
Deficit		**12,479 15**
Net Liabilities		$2,802,720 29

GUY H. KENNEDY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
CINCINNATI DAYTON INDIANAPOLIS

Cincinnati, October 11, 1912.

To the President and Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MESDAMES: In accordance with your instructions, we examined the Receipts and Disbursements as shown by the books of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the year ended July 31, 1912, and beg to report as follows:

We submit as part of this report the following:

Examination has been made in detail of all Receipts and Disbursements of the Society for the period under review and the Statements as submitted are in accordance with the books of the Treasurer; all Disbursements being duly authorized and represented by properly approved vouchers.

Bank Balance was found correct, and Securities on hand as represented.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY H. KENNEDY,
Certified Public Accountant.

BEQUESTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. Rodel, Denver, Colo., Colorado Conference	$450 00
Mrs. Eva M. Brown, Boston, Mass., East German Conference	50 00
Maria E. Langdon	50 00
Mrs. Delia Wadsworth, Illinois Conference	100 00
Mr. Bontecon, New York Conference	1,000 00
Thomas Curry, Danville, Pa., Central Pennsylvania Conference	100 00
R. S. Eggleston, Atlanta, Ga., Atlanta Conference	900 00
Irene Maitland, Erie Conference	524 87
Nancy Plumber, Logansport, Ind., North Indiana Conference	1,028 32
Miss Lou Denning, Normal, Ill., Central Ill.	200 00
Mr. James H. Bascon, Pittsburgh, Pa., Pittsburgh Conference	1,777 60
Mr. J. R. Senior, Philadelphia, Pa., Philadelphia Conference	1,790 34
Total	$7,971 13

ANNUITIES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. S. A. Hulbert, Troy, N. Y.	$100 00
A Friend	500 00
Miss Lila M. Pickett, Rahway, N. J.	500 00
Sarah, Jane and Kate Hughes, Rahway, N. J.	7,500 00
Mrs. Francina Brown, Watertown, N. Y.	1,000 00
Mary H. Ware, Wakefield, Kan.,	500 00
Miss Annie Norton, Philippine Islands	500 00
Miss Orinda Alexander Fox, Homer, N. Y.	3,000 00
A Friend	739 30
Total	$14,339 30

ENDOWMENT RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

From Mather Endowment, Interest added to Principal	$149 08

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year of 1911-1912.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
Arizona	$182 95			$70 00	$207 50	$44 00	$134 40	$296 95	$341 90	$638 85	
Alabama	46 30			3 40	205 45			49 70	205 45	255 15	
Arkansas	81 20					100 00		181 20		181 20	
Atlanta	224 34			20 00	12 00		112 11	244 34	124 11	368 45	$900 00
Austin	83 53	$0 74				8 00		91 53	74	165 53	
Baltimore	2,886 62	8 00		1,553 20	93 70	728 38	12,710 26	5,168 20	12,811 96	17,980 16	
Black Hills Mission	72 40			37 20				109 60		109 60	
Blue Ridge	47 00							47 00		47 00	
California	1,180 91	562 57		334 15	3,248 80	498 42	6,404 32	2,013 48	10,215 69	12,229 17	
Central Alabama	44 87		50					45 37		45 37	
Central Illinois	2,619 13	379 78		1,060 78	5 00	1,405 46	91 00	5,085 37	475 78	5,561 15	200 00
Central Missouri	56 00							56 00		56 00	
Central New York	4,083 83	45 16		1,387 69	25 00	3,253 37	228 00	8,724 89	298 16	9,023 05	
Chicago German	39 10				102 04			39 10	102 04	141 14	
Central Ohio	3,868 39	442 02		1,219 54	14 50	2,906 91	10 00	7,994 84	466 52	8,461 36	
Central Pennsylvania	2,599 91			769 18		87 50	408 00	3,456 59	408 00	3,864 59	100 00
Central Tennessee	37 00							37 00		37 00	
Cincinnati	2,986 84	391 00		825 47	429 70	4,759 30		8,571 61	820 70	9,392 31	50 00
Colorado	772 38	335 80		500 14	65 60	10 00	7,668 62	1,282 52	8,070 02	9,352 54	450 00
Columbia River	527 56			283 00	9 50	146 85		957 41	9 50	966 91	
Delaware	210 52			18 83				229 35		229 35	
Dakota	309 44			155 45		59 11		524 00		524 00	
Des Moines	2,654 55	670 51		1,448 58	90 00	1,748 47	5,434 93	5,851 60	6,195 44	12,047 04	

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Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
Detroit	$3,436 13	$581 42	$44 00	$2,459 80		$6,253 00	$6,711 22	$12,192 93	$7,292 64	$19,485 57	
East Maine	106 17	14 00						106 17	14 00	120 17	
East Oklahoma	34 75					4 00		38 75		38 75	
East Tennessee	51 00			5 00		9 17		65 17		65 17	
East German											$50 00
East Swedish	10 00			15 00				25 00		25 00	
East Ohio	4,936 25	889 67		2,359 74	$10 00	2,835 00	11,504 11	10,130 99	12,403 78	22,534 77	
Erie	3,998 46	105 93		1,973 22		3,477 42	823 36	9,449 10	929 29	10,378 39	524 87
Florida	65 56	1 35				25 00		90 56	1 35	91 91	
Genesee	3,398 29	32 15	40 00	1,025 70	25 00	1,843 07	540 20	6,307 06	597 35	6,904 41	
Gulf	10 80							10 80		10 80	
Georgia	32 55							32 55		32 55	
Holston	568 02	10 40	.50	131 55	50 00	211 50	35 50	911 57	95 90	1,007 47	
Idaho	100 80			135 00		47 75	15 00	283 55	15 00	298 55	
Illinois*	2,951 58	4 08		1,010 05		443 48	6,706 98	4,405 11	6,711 06	11,116 17	100 00
Indiana	2,547 97	479 00		1,505 85		1,135 65	3,793 81	5,189 47	4,272 81	9,462 28	
Iowa	2,267 85	83 48	52 75	1,521 53		772 89	9,567 20	4,615 02	9,650 68	14,265 78	
Kansas	1,253 03	352 56		941 58	32 60	763 53	337 70	2,958 14	722 86	3,681 00	
Kentucky*	350 86	19 90		20 25		662 80	511 14	1,033 91	531 04	1,564 95	
Lexington	388 53	197 59		53 44	36 70	125 00		566 97	234 29	801 26	
Little Rock	44 75					15 00	304 00	59 75	304 00	363 75	
Lincoln	29 30	2 00						29 30	2 00	31 30	
Louisiana	12 00	18 00				5 00	176 00	17 00	194 00	211 00	
Maine	626 25	65 66		163 00		10 70	25 30	799 95	90 96	890 91	
Michigan	3,214 59	113 01		952 50		973 75	181 38	5,140 84	294 39	5,435 23	
Minnesota	499 89	50 95		453 80		278 00	1,756 06	1,231 69	1,807 01	3,038 70	
Mississippi	59 10							59 10		59 10	
Missouri†	202 45	40 87				196 20		398 65	40 87	439 52	
Montana	148 25			162 00		80 00		390 25		390 25	
Nebraska	1,547 26	253 52		1,435 36	80 35	719 32	268 57	3,701 94	602 44	4,304 38	
Newark	2,752 24			2,029 10	55 00	1,284 50	266 50	6,065 84	321 50	6,387 34	
New England	2,218 61	226 37		530 25		504 00	12,112 02	3,252 86	12,338 39	15,591 25	
New Eng. Southern	1,268 03		4 00	1,967 10		471 71	874 15	3,710 84	874 15	4,584 99	
New Hampshire	786 73	8 00	50 00	400 63	20 00	365 90	312 63	1,603 26	340 63	1,943 89	
New Jersey	3,136 19	77 29		1,230 51		1,122 75	81 05	5,489 45	158 34	5,647 79	

*Voucher too late to be included, $2,500.

† Voucher too late to be included, $61.20.

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Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
New Mexico English	$100 15	$34 40	.....	$14 50	$74 62	$53 00	$3,500 00	$167 65	$3,609 02	$3,776 67	.....
New Mexico Spanish	37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 00	.....	37 00	.....
New York	1,633 29	.....	.....	2,160 71	.....	2,038 50	216 72	5,832 50	216 72	6,049 22	$1,000 00
New York East	2,619 97	.....	$40 00	2,235 50	.....	1,342 50	642 21	6,237 97	642 21	6,880 18	.....
North Carolina	142 70	.....	.....	41 50	.....	.....	.....	184 20	.....	184 20	.....
North Dakota	370 18	18 00	.....	667 01	.....	244 86	.....	1,282 05	18 00	1,300 05	.....
North Indiana	3,916 33	1,038 64	35 62	1,920 91	.....	2,436 72	501 02	8,309 58	1,539 66	9,849 24	1,028 32
North Montana	106 50	17 80	.....	27 00	.....	.....	.....	133 50	17 80	151 30	.....
North Nebraska	1,099 60	.....	.....	441 14	15 31	181 40	86 25	1,722 14	101 56	1,823 70	.....
North Ohio*	2,489 42	327 77	.....	656 92	.....	1,992 34	363 38	5,138 68	691 15	5,829 83	.....
Northern Minnesota	1,441 33	1,037 42	.....	1,485 10	.....	1,317 06	120 13	4,243 49	1,157 55	5,401 04	.....
Northern New York†	3,400 62	115 60	.....	1,204 85	.....	659 44	4,108 17	5,264 91	4,223 77	9,488 68	.....
Northwest Indiana	2,307 57	372 76	.....	1,195 00	25 00	1,887 98	1,056 61	5,390 55	1,454 37	6,844 92	.....
Northwest Iowa	2,058 97	26 81	.....	858 81	38 00	734 07	1,938 17	3,651 85	2,002 98	5,654 83	.....
Northwest Nebraska	22 50	9 06	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	37 50	9 06	46 56	.....
Northwest Kansas	516 86	32 29	24 00	493 84	24 00	110 44	231 73	1,145 14	288 02	1,433 16	.....
Ohio	2,342 03	.....	.....	1,065 00	30 50	1,698 19	75 00	5,105 22	105 50	5,210 72	.....
Oklahoma	625 07	130 90	.....	539 10	.....	259 93	2 70	1,424 10	133 60	1,557 70	.....
Oregon	686 61	1,124 34	.....	337 10	13 05	90 39	.....	1,114 10	1,137 39	2,251 49	.....
Philadelphia	2,323 27	.....	.....	1,429 76	5 00	746 68	20,455 68	4,499 71	20,460 68	24,960 39	1,790 34
Pittsburgh	3,784 99	1,211 78	.....	912 58	500 75	1,445 00	21,739 67	6,142 57	23,462 20	29,604 77	1,777 60
Porto Rico Mission	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	.....	70 00	.....
Puget Sound	1,190 75	7 50	6 20	453 33	.....	24 00	803 03	1,674 28	810 53	2,484 81	.....
Rock River	4,145 26	1,051 82	.....	1,311 25	458 42	410 00	8,204 14	5,866 51	9,714 38	15,580 89	.....
Savannah	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	36 00	30 00	66 00	.....
St. Johns River	94 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00	20 00	149 25	20 00	169 45	.....
St. Louis	1,168 85	142 67	.....	774 64	28 65	1,005 79	2,264 53	2,249 28	2,435 85	5,385 13	.....
South Carolina	95 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 93	.....	95 93	.....
South Florida Mission	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	.....	26 00	.....
South Kansas	959 49	110 93	40 00	920 59	70 00	474 29	68 50	2,394 37	249 43	2,543 80	.....
Southern California	3,743 36	77 15	.....	608 33	5,758 99	241 50	37,469 19	4,593 19	43,305 33	47,898 52	.....
Southern German	41 00	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00	22 00	63 00	.....
Southern Illinois	1,064 11	245 12	20 00	535 31	.....	1,187 38	438 92	2,806 80	684 04	3,490 84	.....
Southwest Kansas	1,865 96	508 71	10 00	1,399 25	71 00	605 20	2,802 47	3,880 41	3,382 18	7,262 59	.....
Tennessee	35 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 55	.....	35 55	.....

*Additional Vouchers, $5,769.00. † Too late to be included, $250.00.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year of 1911-1912.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Totals.		Grand Total.	Bequests.
	Cash.	Vouchers.		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.		
Texas	$23 25					$50 00		$73 25		$73 25	
Troy	2,644 59		$2 00	$720 79	$184 00	1,286 65	$3,587 37	4,654 03	$3,771 37	8,425 40	
Upper Iowa	3,065 97	$246 00		1,096 24	285 96	1,657 13	1,347 96	5,819 34	1,879 92	7,699 26	
Upper Mississippi	62 00				5 00		250 20	62 00	255 20	317 20	
Utah Mission	72 11			50 00		145 00	487 89	267 11	487 89	755 00	
Vermont	868 23	23 67		195 00		244 00	2,037 78	1,307 23	2,061 45	3,368 64	
Washington	379 41	106 70		75 50		155 00		609 91	106 70	716 61	
West Nebraska	152 30	13 50					193 72	152 30	207 22	359 52	
West Texas	158 00			34 00	8 00	361 75		553 75	8 00	561 75	
West Virginia	681 52			546 37		172 00	100 00	1,399 89	100 00	1,499 89	
West Wisconsin	695 76	493 84	61 29	373 73		468 78		1,599 56	493 84	2,093 40	
Wilmington	1,037 83			465 00		241 00	234 00	1,743 83	234 00	1,977 83	
Wisconsin*	815 63			582 00		479 00		1,876 63		1,876 63	
Wyoming	2,835 18	153 74	28 95	1,259 88	77 00	1,098 25	2,890 60	5,222 26	3,121 34	8,343 60	
Wyoming Mission	47 10	17 75						47 10	17 75	64 85	
Other Sources	2,513 53					16,964 69	277,970 58	19,478 22			
Totals	$131,282 89	$15,181 45	$459 81	$61,271 11	$12,491 69	$84,956 77	$208,373 26	$277,970 58	$236,046 40	$505,416 64	
Investments returned	8,300 00							8,300 00			
Int. on Investments	2,478 25							2,478 25			
Bequests	7,971 13							7,971 13			
Annuities	14,339 30							14,339 30			
Notes payable	51,500 00							51,500 00			
Woman's Home Mis	4,000 00							4,000 00			
Endowment	149 08							149 08			
Cash Bal. Aug. 1, 1911	1,672 42							1,672 42			
Total receipts	$220,020 65	$15,181 45	$459 81	$61,271 11	$12,491 69	$84,956 77	$208,373 26	$368,380 76	$236,046 40	$505,416 64	$7,971 13

* Vouchers too late to be included, $325.29.

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1911-1912.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Haven Home	$2,130 00		$171 45			$1,304 94		$191 89		$3,798 28	
Speedwell	520 00					40 00				560 00	
Thayer Home	2,232 00		238 00			1,415 80		1,961 66		5,847 46	
Boylan Home	2,960 00		525 52	$300 00		1,080 42		20 00		4,885 94	
Brewster Hospital	915 00		59 70			302 00				1,276 70	
Emerson Home	1,280 00		333 00			551 21		55 00		2,219 21	
Allen Home	2,010 00		227 80			753 00		1,616 14		4,606 94	
Browning Home	2,530 00		450 65			703 70		3,607 22		7,291 57	
Kent Home	800 00		144 95	200 00		737 05		572 45		2,454 45	
New Jersey	600 00		88 20	200 00		524 50				1,412 70	
Ritter Home	765 00		116 85			1,800 00		849 78		3,531 63	
Bennett Home & Academy	3,565 00		388 89			2,316 33		3,966 18		10,236 40	
Dickson Hall	315 00									315 00	
E. L. Rust Home	1,040 00		84 50			805 49		1,224 62		3,154 61	
Adeline Smith Home	780 00					1,430 64		485 04		2,695 68	
Italian Work, N. Orleans	630 00									630 00	
Peck Home	640 00		157 70	280 00		54 00		26,422 33		27,554 03	
King Home	1,280 00		286 05			778 78		939 87		3,284 70	
Eliza Dee Home	770 00		145 85			617 18		1,297 04		2,830 07	
El Paso, Texas								995 68		995 68	
Utah			523 37	18 54						541 91	
Elsinore	770 00			118 79						888 79	
Moroni	785 00			28 50						813 50	
Logan	360 00									360 00	
Provo	370 00			7 45						377 45	
Mt. Pleasant	480 00									480 00	
Spring City	768 40			10 00						778 40	

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1911-1912.—Continued.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Salt Lake City	$555 00			$625 00						$1,180 00	
Harwood Home	2,220 00		$120 00	150 00		$1,800 00		$608 16		4,898 16	
Tucson	1,800 00			300 00		1,719 81		606 74		4,426 55	
Porto Rico—											
McKinley	930 00					1,200 00				2,130 00	
Geo. O. Robinson	2,614 32		414 00	1,500 00		2,100 00		30 00		6,658 32	
Vieques	300 00							210 00		510 00	
Fisk	260 00							120 00		380 00	
Hawaii				1,400 00		1,792 05				3,192 05	
Japanese				2,400 00		1,552 61		437 80		4,390 41	
Japanese, Los Angeles				735 00						735 00	
Chinese				3,000 00		2,308 13		4,129 66		9,437 79	
Chinese, Los Angeles				535 00						535 00	
Frances De Pauw				2,200 00		1,087 18		182 18		3,469 36	
Cedartown, Ga	360 00		20 00					980 55		1,360 55	
McCleskey Home	1,635 20		286 35	400 00		3,533 79		752 50		6,607 84	
Mitchell Home	1,555 00		163 04			3,802 53		306 97		5,827 54	
Community Schools	515 00									515 00	
Navajos	1,045 00		813 53	200 00		1,941 97		3,634 45		7,634 95	
Stickney	972 00			300 00		548 86				1,820 86	
Greenville Mission	700 00									700 00	
Poncas	575 00		41 50					125 00		741 50	
Yumas	650 00							466 00		1,116 00	
Pottawattamies	715 50			140 00						855 50	
Jesse Lee Home	2,660 01		40 00	200 00		2,500 00		937 50		6,337 51	
Sinuk Mission	1,505 00		300 00	150 00		1,150 47		805 33		3,910 80	
New York Immigrant				4,420 00						4,420 00	
Boston Immigrant				1,982 00				7,596 79		9,578 79	
Hull Street Mission				1,017 68				435 24		1,452 92	
Catherine Blaine Home				1,608 01						1,608 01	
Angel Island, Cal				300 00						300 00	
Portland, Oregon				1,500 00						1,500 00	
Philadelphia Immigrant				205 00						205 00	
E. A. Bradley Orphanage				1,000 00				219 50		1,219 50	

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1911-1912.—Continued.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Mothers' Jewels Home	$1,950 00			$1,600 00		$1,522 73		$1,149 90		$6,222 63	
Watts DePeyster Home				3,450 00		2,826 78		1,185 75		7,462 53	
Glenn Home				2,620 17						2,620 17	
Marcy Home				3,900 00				900 24		4,800 24	
Rust Hall	4,240 00			8,260 00		3,401 47		1,078 96		16,980 43	
Fisk Training School				4,500 00		1,859 04		8,906 75		15,265 79	
Slloam Springs, Ark				464 48						464 48	
Ashland District, Wis				350 00						350 00	
Beloit, Wis				100 00						100 00	
San Francisco Tr. School	2,000 00		$119 50	2,000 00		165 00				4,284 50	
Cunningham Orphanage				750 00		571 78		457 77		1,779 55	
Bancroft Rest Home	960 00							856 62		1,816 62	
Slavonic School, East St. Louis				972 55						972 55	
Thompson Rest Home				100 50						100 50	
Beulah Rest Home				38 50						38 50	
David & Margaret Home				27 90						27 90	
Hazleton, Pa				172 28						172 28	
McCrum Slavonic Tr. Sch.								1,769 50		1,769 50	
Deaconess Homes				3,347 26						3,347 26	
Frontier				236 14						236 14	
Harlan, Ky	210 00		63 50					738 86		1,012 36	
Olive Hill, Ky	280 00							422 23		702 23	
Utica Italian Mission				500 00						500 00	
Barre Italian Mission				500 00						500 00	
Totals	$60,502 43	$15,181 45	$6,323 90	$61,320 75		$52,599 24	$12,491 69	$84,255 85	$208,373 26	$265,002 17	

EXPENDITURES.—Year 1911-1912.

	Salary.	General.		Total.	
		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.
Administration—					
Secretaries:					
Bureau		$2,793 99			
Corresponding	$1,083 32				
Recording	500 00	10 00			
Field	1,000 00	591 61			
Treasurer	500 00				
Total, Secretaries	$3,083 32	$3,395 60		$6,478 92	
Deaconess Bureau		$2,648 45			
Organizers	$9,663 17				
Printing		5,469 58			
Insurance		2,829 63			
Annual Meeting		2,579 37			
Total, Miscellaneous				$23,190 20	
Offices:					
Boston	$550 00	$104 20			
Chicago	540 00	455 00			
Cincinnati	988 00	755 85			
Delaware	600 00	200 00			
Detroit	1,019 18	1,258 70			
New York	2,650 08	1,039 95			
San Francisco		150 00			
Publishing	2,000 00				
Treasurer	900 00	100 00			
Total, Offices	$9,247 26	$4,063 70		$13,310 96	
General Conference		$1,502 75		$1,502 75	
Permanent Deaconess Fund		2,350 00			
Miscellaneous		4,065 83		6,415 83	
Investments		7,955 12		7,955 12	
Interest, Annuities		4,717 18		4,717 18	
Interest, Notes		2,912 95		2,912 95	
Interest, Endowments		772 08		772 08	
Notes Paid		35,000 00		35,000 00	
Totals	$21,993 75	$80,262 24		$102,255 99	
Cash Balance July 31, 1912		$1,122 60		$1,122 60	

Anniversary Address.

The Angel of the Churches of Methodism.

Bishop Frank M. Bristol.

Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, says, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?"

There is a tradition come down to us that an angel presented to Solomon a magical liquid saying, "Drink of this liquid and you may live forever." Solomon was a wise man, but he went to other wise men and asked their advice. With one accord they answered, "O Solomon! Drink of the magical liquid and live forever!" Likewise the birds of the air and the beasts of the field, the cattle grazing on the hillside, and the sheep sleeping in the meadow, one and all regarded it most desirable to attain to this great length of life. But Solomon was not yet convinced and turning to the despised porcupine he repeated his request for advice. And in great earnestness the porcupine replied, "O Solomon! If your kindred, your neighbors and your friends, may, with you, drink and live, then do so; but if they may not have this great privilege with you, how can you enjoy immortality without the immortality of the rest of mankind?"

Heaven would not be worth striving for, if our friends could not enjoy it with us. Religion must offer equal opportunities for all. It must be able to save the worst as well as the best; the rich as well as the poor, the ignorant and the intelligent, all classes and all conditions.

Among the angels sent forth to minister there are the celestial and the terrestrial angels. My father believed in the fact of guardian angels; I distinctly remember hearing him in his old age declare that he believed that God gave His angels charge over him, and that he believed the first angel God gave charge over him was his angel mother.

I sometimes think that the angels that get nearest to us and understand us best are the angels clothed in flesh and blood that walk by our side along the path of human life. The angels of the City of Gold do not command more deep and tender veneration and are no grander or nearer to our hearts than the blessed angels who minister in the cities to the sick, the needy and the broken-hearted.

In the Bible, the angels of the seven churches were represented by seven glorious stars, indicating that the angel's message and mission was to be one of light, a message and a mission of hope and joy to a poor, dark, sad and dying world. I deem it not improper to regard the deaconess as the ministering angel of the Church, sent forth to render service.

I consider the Deaconess Work one of the greatest departments of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. We recognize the mission of applied Christianity with the emphasis on both words, *Applied* and *Christianity.*

The sixteenth century was remarkable as one of reformation, the seventeenth marked a spirit of independence, the eighteenth was a century of revival, the nineteenth was noted for theological statement, and the twentieth century is notable as a century of applied Christianity. This is an age of power, the massing of the forces of the Church, and the applying of these forces of Christianity to the solving of the great problems of society.

Machinery is the directing agency of power, and organization in the Church is the machinery of that body, to direct and control the spiritual power and force of the Church.

We believe that one of the best machines in Methodism, one of the best force and power directing agencies of our Church, is the Woman's Home Missionary Society. In recognition of woman's power and influence she has been called of God to this great Society.

It is a day of specialization in the religious world, as it has long been in the professional world; special workers in the Sunday school and in missions; the deaconess is a special worker, placed according to her adaptation.

The city today presents a great problem economically and in many particulars. Yes, a tremendous problem! These cities are the centers of wealth, the centers of political influence. Next November, on a certain night of election-day this whole country will look toward one city and will want to know "how New York is going." It is in the great cities that the criminal class flourishes. The cities of antiquity dragged down the nations of antiquity. Greece had her Athens, Israel her Jerusalem, and the Roman empire her Rome, each to her destruction. The great problem of America is to keep her cities wholesome centers of civilization. Gladstone termed it "keeping the soul alive."

This is just what every effort of the Woman's Home Missionary Society regards as the ultimate aim—keeping the soul of America's people alive.

I understand that you have a glorious company of nearly a hundred and ninety thousand members. I witnessed the crowning of the great king of England and I saw another procession that impressed me greatly. It was the 60,000 English women marching through the streets of London, stopping for hours the traffic, and demanding thus woman's rights or suffrage. But these, mighty though they be, are quite insignificant when compared to your 190,000 host marching to the music of the skies, under the banner of the King of kings, demanding, not alone justice, but mercy and tenderness and love for the needy and helpless of earth.

We must somehow bring religion down and lift this world up, and the

trouble is to get down far enough to lift the discouraged one, the lost and perishing and friendless and godless one. We don't get our arms down deep enough into this awful problem of life. We are told that the music of Saint Cecelia was so wonderful that it drew the listening angels from the Skies, but that the music of Saint Timotheus would lift poor martyrs up to Heaven. I will take the music of Saint Timotheus. The mission of the Church is not simply to bring angels down, but instead to lift mortals up into consecrated lives.

The command of the Father is literalized in the lives of the deaconesses. It is not a figure of speech to them to be able to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the fatherless and give the cup of cold water to those that thirst. Jesus Christ accompanied His spiritual work with ministry to the physical condition of the people, and we too are privileged to minister to all forms of life.

Perhaps you noted in yesterday's newspaper, mention of a lady leaving by will the sum of $5,000 to another lady. And do you know what for? Just for a smile given within the church-doors. It costs nothing, but oh, the blessings of a smile! This old world is in such need of smiles, expressions of love and sympathy, thus transforming life into something sweet and beautiful and hopeful.

An old farmer down in the central part of Illinois said that the year following the death of Abraham Lincoln, the brown thrush did not sing a note. My wife said to me one spring, "Frank, it is spring, is n't it? The flowers do n't seem very bright, do they?" We had lost our little girl that winter.

The eyes were so dim with crying that she could not see the beauty of the flowers. The brown thrush sang on all that year, but those true-hearted farmers were so stung with their sorrow that they could not hear the sweet song. Yes, the flowers were just as beautiful that springtime as ever, but Nellie could n't see them.

Dear angels of the Church, go to these deafened ears, go to these blind eyes, go to these stony hearts of the children of men and give them the gospel of hope, and the gospel of Heaven, the gospel of the resurrection, and the gospel of a glorious immortality.

Department of Young People.

As we present our annual report of the work accomplished by the Department of Young People, we are deeply impressed with the fact that young people measure up every time to the standard that is put before them. It has been well said that "it is not unreasonable to believe that the world's evangelization will be accomplished by the young people." Burke said, "Education is the chief defense of nations." So it is our aim and object to advance in information, organization and gifts. The Secretaries have been untiring in their efforts to attain the standard placed before them early in the year. We acknowledge our appreciation of their cordial co-operation and effective service; it is the spirit of harmony, backed by real hard work that makes it possible to report advance on all lines. We give honor and praise to our Heavenly Father for His care and inspiration during the year. Permit me to call the attention of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries to the fact that in some Conferences you have recently elected a woman to the office of Young People's Secretary. I ask you to give her the benefit of your experience on certain lines of work; while we expect to do our full share by correspondence, there are some points which require the personal touch. The extensive correspondence of this department has brought us into very close touch with our Secretaries and young people, and we know it has been productive of good results. If our Bureau Secretaries will provide us with typewritten letters, from our missionaries and teachers, to send to our young people, we think it would be most helpful, not only to their work, but also to our young people.

January 16, 1912, marked the close of the twenty-fifth year of the organization of this department. We planned to make our thank offering of 100 Queen Esther life members at $15 each, thus making an extra gift of $1,500. But we bring as our offering 110 Queen Esther life members, or $1,650. We can safely say that our gifts have been honored by our Heavenly Father. Queen Esthers, who can estimate the power for good that will emanate from your gift to your representatives, the missionaries? The influence of their efforts to rescue and save girls will be far-reaching and only have an end in eternity. They sow the seed, but God alone giveth the increase.

The North Ohio Conference has enlisted the highest number of Queen Esther life members—14. The statistical report of the year includes reports from 72 Conferences, with 1,656 organizations and 33,879 members, a gain of 3,751 members. The amount of money contributed by the Young People, attested by Conference Treasurers, is $62,779.44, an increase of $9,619.59. We contributed $22,691.57 for Student Aid, an increase of $3,904.88. The Conferences paying over $1,000 for Student Aid are: Southern California, $1,509.50; East Ohio, $1,123; Detroit, $1,102.50; Rock River, $1,096.09; New York East, $1,010. Detroit Conference leads in organizations, 70, and in membership, 1,434. Pittsburgh Conference leads in finance, $5,387.20, and receives the flag for another year; Philadelphia second, $4,042.78; Baltimore third, $3,439.13; Rock River fourth, $2,393.24.

The young women of Christ Church, Pittsburgh, gave $3,974.06; they receive the banner for the largest amount. The Columbia River Conference is awarded the banner for the largest proportionate increase. Our College Secretary, Miss Carrie Barge, has visited many colleges and interested a large number of young women in our work; secured leaders, and taught mission study classes in many Summer Conferences. Special attention is called to this feature of our work. We believe lasting impressions have been made that will insure good leadership and be far-reaching in its results.

Miss Greeta B. Leigh started out in the interest of our department the last of October, 1911. She has served eight Conferences very acceptably. Her consecration, knowledge of our work, and ability have made her a power among girls.

We have recently elected two new Field Secretaries, Miss Grace M. Roraback, of the New York Conference, a woman of unusual attainments and deep consecration, beginning September 6, 1912, by teaching a Mission Study class in the Philadelphia Conference on our new text-book, "Mormonism, the Islam of America," with marked success.

Miss Mary Van Woert, who has been serving her own Conference, the Wyoming, started September 1, 1912. Her consecration, inspiration, and knowledge of our work has impressed us with the fact that we have secured a valuable worker. Our Field Secretaries are at your call for service, and we bespeak for them your hearty support.

The College Woman's Auxiliaries are being advocated by Miss Emily Butterfield. This is an important work and should receive your earnest, thoughtful attention.

With a year of unexampled achievements behind us, and opportunity ahead for even more remarkable accomplishments, the outlook is filled with much promise. May the dear Father give us a deeper consecration. for we know full well that there is great need for service, love, and activity among the neglected of our own land; for—

"They are waiting in the wild,
Sick and weary and defiled;
And the Savior's healing word
They have never, never heard.
Left without the Living Bread—
Waiting! Waiting!

"For the happy beam of day
That shall chase their gloom away;
For the news so glad and blest
That shall set their hearts at rest,
For the peace we know and prize,
For the hope beyond the skies—
Waiting! Waiting!

"Yet, not noiseless nor alone,
For their cry to Heaven hath flown;
And the answer waiteth, too,
While the Master calls for YOU."

STATISTICAL REPORT, DEPARTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

CONFERENCES.	Queen Esther Circles, Home Mission Circles, Young People's Home Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries.	Members	Dues	Scholarships or Student Aid	Other Funds	Free-will Building Fund or Thank-offering	Supplies	Total	Queen Esther Life Members
Alabama	1	60	5 00			84 00		89 00	
Arizona Mission	1	20		70 00				70 00	
Arkansas (new)	1	21							
Baltimore	41	947	454 60	639 95	2143 60	49 22	151 76	3439 13	
California	28	235	69 84	397 35	3 75	70 00	72 43	613 37	
Central Illinois	27	379	138 15	150 00	191 12	29 50	1 00	509 77	1
Central New York	32	732	233 16	304 00	212 98		135 41	885 55	4
Central Ohio	40	940	318 82	302 75	68 21	329 90	12 00	1031 68	1
Central Pennsylvania	42	1195	545 64	388 75	233 93	360 11	104 90	1633 33	1
Chicago German	7	145	20 24					20 24	
Cincinnati	30	738	306 59	429 41	287 39	153 13	192 16	1368 68	2
Colorado	22	473	90 58	537 95	202 99		200 33	1031 85	
Columbia River	8	195	42 15	104 71	41 43		31 10	219 39	
Des Moines	50	875	385 71	850 70	283 29	164 37	387 00	2071 07	7
Delaware	4	50	15 65		3 25			18 90	
Detroit	70	1434	499 48	1102 50	223 96	209 50	255 35	2290 79	9
East Ohio	47	840	432 63	1123 00	350 76	51 35	169 54	2127 28	9
Erie	37	966	240 21	816 06	210 58	46 79	92 90	1406 54	1
Genesee	32	624	304 77	409 58	476 97		425 00	1616 32	5
Georgia	1	15		5 30	15 00			20 30	1
Holston	6	183	55 75	8 00	10 23			73 98	
Illinois	46	1286	310 37	814 33	246 52	192 91	198 95	1763 08	1
Indiana	25	658	189 66	233 00	46 95	168 54	215 76	853 91	2
Iowa	24	469	264 00	284 87	111 60			660 47	
Idaho			10 00	47 00				57 00	
Kansas	8	164	26 05	65 00	20 51		52 50	164 06	
Kentucky	7	102	23 63	32 51	60 72	40 57	10 00	167 43	
Lexington	23	215	38 05	12 53	17 39		1 50	69 47	
Little Rock	7	80	27 60		107 00	115 00		249 60	1
Maine	10	146	60 45	10 00	60 68		20 70	151 83	
Michigan	28	509	163 14	173 40	99 95	62 00	51 60	550 09	
Minnesota	31	521	151 38	85 00	103 05	17 45	109 77	466 65	
Missouri	3	45	2 65					2 65	
Nebraska	23	261	29 55	337 00	14 90	10 00	9 25	400 70	
Newark	24	622	168 88	819 50	242 03	72 09	201 22	1503 72	
New England	33	618	189 01	236 00		228 65	56 68	710 34	
New England Southern	9	147	63 65	118 88	32 31	5 00	45 33	265 17	
New Hampshire	9	162	55 10	240 10	26 40	10 00	34 93	366 53	
New Jersey	32	799	373 70	696 70	404 21	114 00	207 80	1796 41	10
New York	18	375	170 00	300 00	151 00	103 70	210 00	934 70	
New York East	34	681	257 48	1010 00	60 20	5 00	160 20	1492 88	4
North Dakota	7	145	60 00	100 00	49 47	25 00	80 00	314 47	
North Indiana	55	1338	381 47	845 00	352 07	78 64	216 26	1873 44	2
North Ohio	25	501	196 77	100 00	206 80	152 37	117 45	773 39	14
Northern Minnesota	24	618	93 63	410 76	39 90	116 45	25 00	685 74	
Northern New York	37	640	260 61	346 98	14 11	55 48	100 75	777 93	1
Northwest Indiana	36	733	249 25	455 22	358 70		159 25	1222 42	5
North Carolina	3	54	16 30	5 00				21 30	
Northwest Iowa	17	136	119 12	75 00	55 72	82 86	34 78	367 48	
Northwest Kansas	16	216	29 73	329 04	92			359 69	
Ohio	23	546	263 87	189 93	344 72		241 94	1040 46	
Oklahoma	8	146	26 05		18 32		60	44 97	1
Oregon	10	307	61 25	148 11	91 94		122 25	423 55	
Philadelphia	50	1204	459 75	592 00	1623 04	260 00	1108 99	4043 78	11
Pittsburgh	42	920	399 44	447 00	4359 65	128 38	52 73	5387 20	1
Puget Sound	19	363	131 10	392 79	22 88	5 00	45 00	596 77	
Rock River	67	1357	527 28	1096 09	603 73		166 14	2393 24	4
St. Louis	17	477	104 16	243 20	68 60	7 50	400 00	823 46	1
South Kansas	12	429	116 80	402 01	4 64	20 50	3 50	547 45	
Southern California	57	1055	390 44	1509 50	145 50	334 50	150 25	2530 19	7
Southern Illinois	16	250	118 16	173 00	135 88	18 06	173 00	618 10	
Southwest Kansas	30	705	196 46	402 95	110 59		86 00	796 00	
St. Johns River	1	12							
Troy	46	936	416 50	620 20	43 40	130 60	215 00	1425 70	1
Upper Iowa	29	460	220 21	74 66	97 35	252 70	92 25	737 17	
Vermont	11	116	40 00	50 00	51 91			141 91	
Washington	15	314	31 17	35 50	11 75		50 00	128 42	
West Virginia	20	119	52 50	100 00	11 96		47 65	212 11	
West Wisconsin	11	158	59 30	25 00		82 26		166 56	1
Wilmington	9	265	132 10	141 80	15 00			288 90	1
Wisconsin	5	52	44 05	75 00	35 00		7 00	161 05	
Wyoming	17	380	153 09	150 00	62 50		347 14	712 73	
At Large									3
Total	1656	33879	12083 88	22691 57	15700 91	4443 08	7860 00	62779 44	113

MRS. DAVID DAILEY, JR., *Secretary.*

History of the Department of Young People's Work in the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The formation of the Bureau of Young People's Work in the Woman's Home Missionary Society occurred at the suggestion of Mrs. H. C. McCabe, at a meeting of the Executive Board held one January morning in 1886 at the home of Mrs. W. F. Thorne in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. W. A. Ingham, of Cleveland, Ohio, was appointed the first Secretary for this Bureau, and in her first report at the Fifth Annual Meeting she said that it was quite impossible to state how many bands had been previously put into operation during the six years of the Society's existence, but that there was enough to inspire all hearts with enthusiasm.

At this early date she kept no separate account of Young People's Circles and Children's Bands, but reported 70 organizations in all. Mrs. Ingham, in trying to find a name for these organizations of Young People, said: "What shall we call these Mission Circles? Why not Queen Esther Societies, perpetuating the name and memory of that wise and loving ruler who wrought for her own people?"

The children's service at this meeting was presided over by Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, the first President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and who was at that time the wife of the President of the United States, and it is pleasing to note that the children presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Miss Van Marter and Mrs. F. A. Aiken contributed in no small degree toward making this occasion memorable. These two good and useful women have ever since been in close touch with the interests of the Young People's work.

In her first report Mrs. Ingham quoted the letter from the little son of a workingman in Massachusetts, in which he suggested that it would be a good thing to afford the Methodist children the privilege of founding an industrial home and of having the pleasure of giving the entire cost of purchasing a farm and of paying for the building. This little boy's gift of one dollar inspired the undertaking that secured in 1890 the Mothers' Jewel Home at York, Nebraska, the purchase of which was made possible by the gift of $10,000 from the citizens of that town.

The constitution adopted at this annual meeting provided that young persons over sixteen years of age might be organized into Mission Circles under the general rules of the Women's Auxiliaries, the members to pay not less than fifty cents dues. Young persons under sixteen were to be organized into juvenile bands, and children under six years were to be enrolled as Mothers' Jewels and pay ten cents a year.

In 1887 Mrs. Ingham reported an increase in the number of organizations, but she lamented the fact that few Conferences had appointed a Superintendent of Juvenile Work. This year was marked by the appearance of the first literature for the Department of Young People's Work. The Society had had published a six-page leaflet entitled *The Praise of the Nation,* an allegory written by Miss Alice House, of Cincinnati, Ohio. During this year there also began to be printed in the *Woman's Home Missions* a column on Young People's Work.

In 1890, in her report, Mrs. Ingham urged the election of a Secretary of Young People's Work in each Conference, and put upon District Secretaries the duty of organizing the Circles and Bands. She also emphasized the necessity of having one person in each Auxiliary appointed to supervise the garnering of Mothers' Jewels.

In 1891 Mrs. Ingham resigned, and, as no Secretary was elected at the annual meeting held that year, no annual report of this Department

appeared in the Annual Report of 1892. But at the annual meeting held that year in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. M. E. Griffith was elected National Secretary. In her annual report given in the fall of 1893 she states that in accordance with the advice of the general officers this Bureau had been divided into three departments. Under the first came the Mission Circles, which were composed of young men and women under sixteen and who at that time were requested to work specially for the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School at Washington, D. C. In the second division came the Mission Bands, composed of boys and girls between eight and sixteen years of age. They were to work then especially for the Southern Homes and for the Mothers' Jewel Home. In the third division came the Mothers' Jewels, composed of children under eight years of age. They were to support the Mothers' Jewel Home.

In this year there also appeared for the first time a separate enumeration of members of these three organizations, they before having been reported in one grand total.

For the first time mention was made of separate report blanks for the use of this department, and the promise was given that they would be prepared.

In 1894 Mrs. W. A. Ingham was again elected National Secretary, and again in 1895 she was honored with the same position. In her annual report of this year she called attention to the great need of more missionary entertainments for the young people.

This year is memorable for the fact that the Committee on Publications recommended the printing of the *Children's Home Missions,* and in Mrs. Ingham's annual report read at Springfield, Illinois, in the fall of 1896, the principal feature was the statement that this paper had become a reality.

At this annual meeting Mrs. Samuel Hazlett, of Washington, Pa., was elected National Secretary, and in her annual report, given in Baltimore in 1897, she rejoiced over the fact that the number of Conference Secretaries had increased from 11 to 33, and said that the most rapid progress had been made in the Conferences that had elected Secretaries of Young People's Work. She gladly stated that the report blanks for the use of this Department had been printed.

By this time the opportunities and possibilities of the work of this Department had so impressed themselves upon the heart of Mrs. Hazlett that she recommended the election of a National Organizer of Young People's Work.

At the annual meeting held in Chicago in 1900 Mrs. George E. Reed, of Carlisle, Pa., was elected Secretary and re-elected the two following years. In 1901, in fulfillment of the recommendation made several years before, Miss Carrie Barge, of Delaware, Ohio, was made Field Secretary for the Young People's Work, and from the time of her election to the present day she has done most efficient work and has endeared herself to all. It is interesting to note that in 1902, in response to the demand for badges for the Children and Young People's Societies, samples were presented at the annual meeting. The hearts of all were also gladdened by the announcement that Miss Alice Guernsey was preparing a series of booklets for Young People's study classes. "A Reading Circle Plan for Young People," by Mrs. Ainsworth, daughter of Bishop Foster, was also announced. It was recorded in the minutes of this annual meeting that under the supervision of Mrs. C. W. Gallagher and Miss Barge the missionary entertainment entitled "Queens and a Kingdom," and written by Miss Guernsey, had been given for the first time at Ocean Grove during the previous summer.

An addition to the constitution this year provided that any Conference having ten or more young women's organizations might elect a young woman Visiting Delegate to the annual meeting, with the privilege of having a seat and voice only in the proceedings. This year, too, the dividing line between the ages of members of Mission Bands and of Queen Esther Circles was changed from sixteen to fourteen.

In the spring of 1903 an important change took place, for the Board of Trustees found it wise to divide the work of the Bureau and appoint Miss Alice Guernsey Secretary of the Mothers' Jewels and Home Guards. In the fall of that year the Board of Managers at their annual meeting elected Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, of Washington, D. C., Secretary of the Division of Young People's Work, while Miss Guernsey was elected Secretary of the Division of Children's Work, the two still being included in the one Bureau.

Mrs. Gallagher in her annual report recommended that the name of Queen Esther Circle be encouraged, although others might be allowed, and also that the name of Junior Queen Esther Circle be used for girls under fifteen if there should be two Circles; that there be still more literature published, and that a suitable pin, inscribed with the letters Y. W. H. M. S., be prepared.

In the constitution provision was made this year for the organization of Young Women's Auxiliaries upon the payment of $1 dues and ten cents contingent fund. We were told that the children were studying "Boys and Girls under Our Flag," written by Miss Guernsey, and that they were wearing the badges of the different Societies.

In 1905 the young women delegates at this annual meeting adopted two important resolutions; first, that the delegates representing Young People's Work be allowed to vote in the annual meetings, and second, that the financial work of the Young People be kept separate in the Treasurer's report. In this year Miss Guernsey prepared for the use of this Department the entertainment entitled "A Birthday Party."

In 1906 the Baltimore Conference became the champion Conference for having given for three successive years the largest amount of money contributed by any Conference, and the Circle of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., was declared to be the champion Circle because for the same length of time it had led all other Circles in the amount of money given.

In 1907 Miss Elizabeth Evans became Field Secretary and did most efficient work for two years. At the annual meeting held at Brookline, Mass., the entertainment, "America's Reception to the Nations under Our Flag," prepared by Mrs. Gallagher, was presented for the first time by the Young People. At this time, too, the Board of Managers granted the request of the Young People's Department delegates, made two years before, to be allowed to vote in the national annual meetings.

In 1908 the Board of Managers decided to change the name "Bureau" to "Department," and to let the term "Young People" apply only to young men and women and not to Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, thus making the Department of Young People's Work and of Children's Work distinct in name as well as in work. Mite-boxes for the specific use of the Queen Esther Circles appeared this year.

During the year Mrs. Gallagher, because of the pressure of other duties, was compelled to resign, and Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., of Philadelphia, was elected early in 1909 by the Board of Trustees to take her place. Mrs. Dailey had by the fall of this year compiled a statistical report book for Conference Secretaries covering a period of five years, and Miss Barge had prepared a hand book for the Young People's De-

partment. In addition to her duties as Field Secretary Miss Barge was also elected College Secretary.

In 1910, at Buffalo, Miss Alice Hawthorne and Miss Ida C. Moody became Assistant Field Secretaries, while Miss Emily Butterfield was elected Secretary for College Women's Auxiliaries. This year another champion Conference was announced, this honor having been won by the Philadelphia Conference.

In August of this year the Society published the pamphlet entitled "A Visit from the Home Missionary Family," written by Mrs. W. H. C. Goode, and the next year there appeared in printed form the entertainment, "Columbia Redeemed," prepared by Miss Guernsey.

At Wichita in 1911 Miss Greeta Leigh became Assistant Field Secretary, and during the first year of her service has done most acceptable work. In her report Mrs. Dailey mentioned the prayer cards for the daily use of all Queen Esthers, and also the leaflet entitled "A Policy," which was written especially for Conference and District Secretaries. At this meeting a new publication, "A Queen Esther Round Robin," was announced for the use of young people for whom the regular text-book was too old, and early in 1912 a booklet entitled "Program Suggestions," prepared by Mrs. Margaret Mather, of Rock River Conference, made its appearance and met a long-felt want.

In order to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Bureau of Young People's Work, which occurred in January of this year, Mrs. Dailey conceived the idea of having 100 life memberships, at $15 apiece, contributed during the year, the money to be applied only on the salaries of missionaries. Beautifully engraved certificates for this purpose were made possible by the generosity of a good friend. These were sent to more than 100 Queen Esther life members, who will cherish them and pass them down to their daughters and grand-daughters. Thus, as we have reviewed the history of the past twenty-five years, we see how the responsibility of the women of the Auxiliaries for the work of this Department has increased year by year.

It has also been evident that the name, Queen Esther, has proved unusually attractive to our young women, who have been quick to realize the modern need of such saviors of the American people.

Each year has seen a greater number who have given of their time, their talents, and their money in response to the appeal, "Who knoweth but that thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

The delegates assembled at the annual meeting held in October, 1912, in Des Moines, Iowa, heard Mrs. Dailey report an increase in number of organizations and membership, and the recent election of two new Field Secretaries, namely, Miss Grace M. Roraback of the New York Conference and Miss Mary Van Woert of the Wyoming Conference. The other officers and Field Secretaries of this Department were re-elected and began their work with great enthusiasm, realizing that upon the missionary education of the children and young people of our land depends the conservation of the Christian ideals of our nation.

Department of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

Among the pleasant things to come to the Secretary in charge of any form of helpful work are the letters that tell of progress. Who would not be glad to receive messages like these?

"Eggs to the value of $4.50 were sent to Fisk Training School; *The Youth's Companion* to the Anthracite Mission; a box of handkerchiefs to Mothers' Jewels Home; two barrels and a package to the same Home; bricks were sold for Immigrant Home, etc. I have sent helps to places where they were about to organize, and am going to try to get new leaders where the work has gone down."—Kansas Conference Secretary.

"The Guards have pledged $15 toward a scholarship in ——— School. Will you kindly send us the name of some little girl, and any facts you can give concerning her that will be of interest to the Guards?"—Adams, N. Y.

"Thirty-five members; amount received, $51.70. We have also sent 100 glasses of jelly, a household shower, and Christmas tree candies to the Deaconess Home, besides giving money for two magazines."—Westfield, N. J.

"Thirty-five members, and more money in our mite-boxes than the Auxiliary had."—Dunlap, Iowa.

"Our boys' Home Guards number 21, and their dues are all paid."—Lincoln, Neb.

"This is our second year. We have paid $15 for Student Aid, $2 for the Magazine Fund. Sent a Christmas barrel valued at $22.50 and linen and Valentine cards, stamped for mailing, to Watts de Peyster Home."—Jamestown, N. Y.

"First Church Jewels will help support our Baltimore girls in Watts de Peyster Home."—Baltimore, Md.

"The Home Guards will pay $20 Student Aid for Cedartown Settlement."—Blackwell, Okla.

"Our pledge for the ensuing year is $10. We prefer the same child if she is in the school."—Homer, N. Y.

"Our Epworth League is planning to help the Southern mountaineers. Kindly give us information about individual scholarships."—Seymour, Conn.

"The Joliet Italian Mission children were given a trolley ride and picnic. Some had not been in this country more than three weeks. Similar picnics were given mothers and children from Marcy Home, Chicago Italian children, and Joliet miners' children—over 900 in all. Have six of the best District Secretaries found in any Conference. Englewood Auxiliary presented a beautiful white satin banner for the Guards and Jewels of Conference. This makes six banners and seven large silk flags belonging to this work. Held second annual Conference of District Secretaries and Auxiliary leaders. Among the topics discussed: 'Best work accomplished this year,' 'How would you begin the work for next year?' 'How would you introduce our literature and Study Courses?' "How can District Secretaries organize where the churches are scattered?' 'How can a primary teacher assist in Mothers' Jewels Work?' 'Can the children's

money be used for Auxiliary pledges?' 'Why should children make pledges?' 'How to make a Home Guard meeting interesting.' "—Rock River Conference Secretary.

In 1904 the report of the General Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society credited the children with paying $700 into its treasury. Since that time earnest and persistent efforts have been made not only to increase the amount raised by the children but to secure accurate reports. We believe there has been distinct gain in the latter; there certainly has been in the former, and the records of 1911-12 show a total of $9,703.24 placed in our treasury by our boys and girls during the year. This is less than the total reported last year, but the reports are less complete. A comparison by Conferences shows a distinct gain in many cases.

Progress is also shown in the increased use of our regular Junior text-books. Plenty of enthusiasm—based on knowledge—a large proportion of faithfulness, distinct and recognized consecration to the work—these make the successful leader of a Company of Home Guards and Jewels. And with such a leader the problems of good meetings and real missionary training for the children are solved.

The young people in our Industrial Homes and schools are swinging into line by organizing companies of Home Guards, and for these a new competition has been arranged. The award is to be a Junior life membership in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to be assigned each year by vote of the Guards, their leader and the Superintendent of the Home, to the most faithful and deserving member. Societies competing for these awards must make a total of 80 points out of a possible 105. The points cover such particulars as the holding of regular meetings, signing the temperance pledge, using one of the Junior text-books, payment of dues, election of officers from among themselves, etc.

Junior life memberships for this competition have already been promised for the year ending with June, 1913, to McCleskey Home, by East Ohio Conference; George O. Robinson Orphanage, by Newark Conference; and Boylan Home, North Indiana Conference. We need several more, at $10 each.

Nine years ago the Woman's Home Missionary Society placed in my hands its greatest treasure and most sacred trust—the care of its boys and girls. I have sought to teach them to love the cause of Home Missions, "to work for it, live for it, pray for it, give for it." With what success, only the Recording Angel knows—with what love for the task, words can not tell. As the treasure must now pass into other hands, I pray you to suffer a word of earnest exhortation. It is not enough to elect a leader of the Guards and Jewels, and then consider the Auxiliary duty done. It is not consistent to fill a vacancy by choosing almost at random a District Secretary of Guards and Jewels. It is not fair, or just, or honest, or right, to elect a Conference Secretary for this Department and then deem all responsibility ended. To show no interest in her work, to make no effort to help her, not even to question her about the matter save when, perforce, she is called on for an annual report—such methods will not ensure the future of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. In the face of the decrease of membership figures shown this year, I submit that most of us are "verily guilty" in this matter. We have said and our comrades have said:

"Yes, we ought to have definite work, earnest work for Home Missions with and for our children, but it is none of my business, is it, Lord?" And we have mistaken the echo of our own words for the Divine voice.

O, beloved co-workers, you who love the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will you not heed this last special appeal and give to the children's

work the importance that it deserves? Will you not do this for your own sake, for the sake of the children themselves, and for the sake of the cause?

In the days of the border wars the signal rallying the Scottish clans was a fiery cross, borne by one swift messenger to another, and so on throughout the land. Poised for instant flight, each man received the sacred symbol from the hands of his fellow, listening with ear attent for the accompanying message:

"The muster place is Lanrick Mead,
Instant the time; speed, clansman, speed!"

And forth he sped, like arrow from a bow, to summon the Scottish hosts.

To-day I pass into other hands a sacred cross wrapped around with the flag of our hearts' love and hopes, and with it I give the old message:

"Instant the time; speed, clansman, speed!"

Speed for country and for God! Rally as they rallied who saved Scotland for the Protestant religion and made its mountain fastnesses the homes of brave-hearted men and women! Rally to support the faltering hands of our faithful children's workers, to teach those of them who need help, to prove your loyalty! Rally to the support of her who is to take the flag-draped cross and bear it onward for God and the children!

ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Secretary.*
ALICE HAWTHORNE, *Ass't Secretary.*

New York Conference receives honorable mention with a total of $949.77 contributed by the children, a gain of 88 per cent over last year; but Genesee has a still larger gain—92 per cent—this winning for 1912-13 the custody of the flag awarded for the largest per cent of gain in total amount. While we rejoice in these, we should do so with serious thoughts, for the percentages of gain last year were 145 and 182 as against 88 and 92 to-day, while the winning Conference last year has lost this year, and that ranking second has sent no report.

The Home Guard banner awarded for the largest per cent of gain in paid Home Guard membership is an index to many things. It is easy, comparatively, to get up an entertainment and so raise money for Student Aid. But to collect Home Guards' dues means that somebody, in the language of the day, is "on her job." The roll of Conferences in which there is a loss in Home Guard dues, as compared with last year, is long, and brings a heartache to the reader.

But it is encouraging to note that the percentages of gain in others are far beyond the highest of last year. Against 50 per cent gain for which the banner was awarded a year ago, we have 62 per cent in Genesee, 74 per cent in Central New York, and 80 per cent with which Central Ohio Conference claims the ribboned flag.

ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Secretary of Home Guards and Jewels.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF GUARDS AND JEWELS.

Conferences	General Fund	Student Aid	Other Funds	Junior L. & S. S.	Total
Baltimore	$44 95	$22 05	.....	.....	$67 00
California	50 31	47 90	1 25	4 50	103 96
Central Illinois	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central New York	148 97	43 62	24 91	.....	217 50
Central Ohio	109 24	33 50	25 46	.....	168 20
Central Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati	127 15	186 83	.....	.....	313 98
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia River	19 25	47 26	21 72	.....	88 23

Conferences	General Fund	Student Aid	Other Funds	Junior L. & S. S.	Total
Des Moines	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Detroit	.....	.....	.....	.....	280 02
East Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Ohio	172 61	387 12	.....	27 25	586 98
Erie	74 85	65 00	18 00	14 00	171 85
Genesee	152 85	242 65	.....	195 00	590 50
Holston	7 91	1 32	.....	.....	9 23
Idaho	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	53 21	27 12	.....	1 10	81 43
Indiana	84 89	197 50	67 50	71 00	420 89
Kansas	28 55	21 00	.....	10 00	59 55
Kentucky	10 90	.....	.....	.....	10 90
Little Rock	7 85	.....	.....	.....	7 85
Maine	4 55	5 00	1 00	.....	10 55
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 03
Minnesota	34 43	5 00	56 45	.....	95 88
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark	86 39	199 45	.....	.....	285 84
New England	152 38	50 75	.....	.....	203 13
New England Southern	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire	41 32	7 89	3 50	.....	52 71
New Jersey	59 31	2 00	27 50	5 57	94 38
New York	34 65	437 40	477 72	.....	949 77
New York East	38 30	133 44	.....	.....	171 74
North Dakota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Indiana	69 75	121 00	.....	.....	190 75
North Nebraska	27 50	10 00	17 31	17 60	72 41
Northern New York	75 45	75 60	23 25	15 00	189 30
North Ohio	83 90	22 00	4 45	18 00	128 35
Northern Minnesota	71 61	15 00	5 00	.....	91 61
Northwest Indiana	149 85	98 05	.....	.....	247 90
Northwest Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northwest Kansas	9 90	16 81	.....	.....	26 07
Northwest Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	34 04	67 73	91 28	.....	193 05
Oklahoma	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 85
Oregon	37 98	25 25	4 55	.....	67 78
Philadelphia	71 30	43 81	175 63	70 05	360 79
Pittsburgh	84 90	156 40	8 06	.....	249 36
Puget Sound	44 90	90 47	.....	20 00	155 37
Rock River	310 90	193 21	500 44	.....	1,004 55
St. Louis	82 02	.....	.....	.....	82 02
South Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern California	121 32	213 51	.....	.....	334 83
Southern Illinois	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southwest Kansas	53 56	76 53	10 99	.....	141 08
Troy	51 60	150 35	.....	16 00	217 95
Upper Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	15 75	57 53	.....	40 00	113 28
West Virginia	16 45	26 37	8 00	.....	50 82
West Wisconsin	8 50	25 00	25 00	.....	58 50
Wilmington	44 60	24 45	.....	.....	69 05
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming	164 05	262 28	20 50	25 00	471 83
Totals	$3,174 65	$3,935 15	$1,619 47	$550 07	$9,703 24

Mission Supplies.

Since the formation of this Bureau perhaps a report has never been given which covered all the supplies sent during a fiscal year, and the report of 1912 is no exception. A number of Conference Supply Secretaries, after earnest endeavors to secure reports from Auxiliaries, wrote, "It is impossible." Working for credit alone is not praiseworthy, neither is it to refuse to report work accomplished.

A representative of an Auxiliary interested in Supply Work said: "You show us the need, we do the work. Why should we report it—that we may receive credit?"

A business man who neglects to take an inventory of his stock and book accounts is not a great success as a business man.

Supply Work is a business—it is a business for the King—and the more perfectly it is systematized, the more careful the attention given to details, the stronger the work will be. We must at least know what we are doing, and how we are doing it, and without reports this is impossible. The growth of the work calls for new and better methods than have hitherto been employed, and to this problem attention is being given.

The interest and enthusiasm is growing constantly, because the Conference Supply Secretaries are doing their utmost to make it grow. Queen Esther girls as well as Auxiliaries are working through the summer that some frontier home may be made happy in the winter or some school better equipped to care for the girls within its walls.

Appeals for ministers to the number of 579 were sent out by this Bureau during the year—31 less than last year. Not one word of complaint found its way to my desk, but many, many words of commendation from both District Superintendents and pastors, showing the supplies sent out met the needs and were excellent in quality.

There was sent out in cash and new goods $87,397.45, an increase over last year of $3,201.44. Of this amount ministers received $41,500, an increase over last year of $6,500. There were 5,133 books contributed. In 47 out of 69 Conferences from which reports were received there was increase in work done. Colorado Conference made the largest gain. Philadelphia Conference is the banner Conference of the year.

We congratulate the women of the Auxiliaries who have made this report possible. They have done well, yes, splendidly. But, imbued with the spirit of progress, we must press forward to even greater things.

Our Homes will ask largely this year, and we must not fail to respond. Supplies must also go to the frontier to assist those whose salaries are not sufficient to buy both food and clothing.

Shall we not do the *most,* rather than the least we can, that through our liberality others may be enriched?

Let us keep in mind these words of Paul: "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God."

MRS. E. Y. KING, *Secretary.*

REPORT BY CONFERENCES.

	Cash.	Books.
Arizona Mission	$59 75	...
Austin	45 00	...
Baltimore	1,913 58	151
California	1,489 95	...
Central Illinois	372 64	12
Central New York	2,291 59	150
Central Ohio	1,576 18	303
Central Pennsylvania	1,599 03	...
Cincinnati	2,146 70	78
Colorado	3,172 66	...
Columbia River	330 90	...
Dakota	139 04	...
Des Moines	2,715 32	10
Detroit	2,503 84	...
East Ohio	1,971 06	...
East Oklahoma Mission	52 20	...
Erie	1,530 73	...
Georgia	55 36	...
Genesee	3,370 13	151
Holston	71 75	...
Idaho	83 10	...
Illinois	2,292 56	224
Indiana	1,398 08	490
Iowa	653 27	83
Kansas	478 31	...
Kentucky	135 08	19
Lexington	64 08	2
Maine	247 20	25
Michigan	490 38	...
Missouri	22 67	...
Minnesota	863 78	...
Nebraska	545 80	...
Newark	3,773 99	227
New England	867 70	169
New England Southern	429 22	11
New Hampshire	72 41	12
New Jersey	1,617 68	79
New York	3,732 82	79
New York East	1,732 81	148
North Dakota	380 00	...
North Indiana	1,683 28	166
North Montana	37 50	...
North Ohio	2,979 05	204
North Nebraska	589 85	10
Northwest Indiana	936 15	50
Northwest Iowa	871 77	99
Northwest Kansas	525 00	...
Northern Minnesota	708 00	...
Northern New York	1,219 33	...
Ohio	1,975 77	439
Oklahoma	211 48	...
Oregon	262 55	9
Philadelphia	5,158 72	664
Pittsburgh	2,339 77	9

	Cash.	Books.
Puget Sound	295 31	...
Rock River	4,319 54	361
St. Louis	2,499 66	117
St. Johns River	30 87	...
South Kansas	92 39	...
Southwest Kansas	696 26	10
Southern California	3,132 15	...
Southern Illinois	1,238 28	40
Troy	2,741 71	76
Upper Iowa	709 97	86
Utah Mission	217 25	...
Vermont	314 05	138
Washington	333 92	...
West Nebraska	265 42	...
West Virginia	622 25	34
West Wisconsin	87 72	...
Wilmington	354 17	39
Wisconsin	424 33	87
Wyoming	2,234 53	235
Totals	$87,397 45	...

Mrs. E. Y. King, *Secretary.*

Reports from Bureaus.

GEORGIA.

Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Another year of faithful service has gone. Again we report work well done—how well, none but the Master can tell.

Last year we finished the third floor of the Home, making it possible to accommodate a large number of students. Still, we are compelled to turn away many of our applicants because we lack room. We are greatly in need of more support; our expenses this fall will be greater than ever. Our building needed painting, and it was necessary to add a new wing to the barn. This, together with the expense of remodeling the third floor, and furnishings, added to our indebtedness.

Our faithful Superintendent, Miss Mitchell, has been earnest in her endeavor to awaken interest in the desired new plant. The cry all along the line is "more room," and nowhere is the Macedonian cry stronger than in Atlanta, Ga.

Haven Home, Savannah, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The year at Haven Home has been fruitful, helpful, and healthful. The work has progressed, the children happily pursuing their studies. Our Superintendent, Miss Baldwin, has faithfully carried out the plans laid for the year, and we closed our Home in May with the consciousness of work well done.

Early in the school year our Assistant Superintendent, Miss Bell, was hurriedly carried to Sibley Hospital for an operation, and later returned to us to take up the work which has been so close to her heart.

In March an offer for our property came from the Board of Public Education of Savannah, which the Board of Trustees thought it was wise to accept. In June we closed the building known as Haven Home—leaving it sorrowfully, but thankful for the opportunity for larger service. We have secured a desirable lot and have our plans ready for the new building—waiting for marching orders. We need your help in this new movement. We earnestly urge our friends to make it possible for us to have our new Home this year.

Speedwell Home and Day School, Sandfly, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Speedwell Home has undergone a complete change, so that friends of other years would not recognize it to-day. During the early summer, carpenters, painters, and paper-hangers have been at work remodeling and renovating both interior and exterior; a new roof over all makes it a fine,

square building. A new barn and out-houses have been added, and the lot enclosed with a fine new fence. We feel that our Home in this locality is worthy of our Society. An interested visitor remarked to the Secretary, "It shines like a little jewel."

We now have larger facilities for our Day School, yet we can not accommodate all who wish to attend. The demand for admission is very great because there is no admission for the country children to public schools within the city limits.

Our Haven Home family has moved to Speedwell, and is planning to strengthen the work and put it upon a substantial basis. We have opened the Home with thirteen children—all we can care for there—and a crowded attendance in the day-school.

We give grateful thanks to all who have helped to crown with success the work in this Bureau the past year, and we ask continued help and prayers for the coming year.

Mrs. J. H. Burnett, *Secretary.*

FLORIDA.

Boylan Home Industrial Training School, Jacksonville, Florida.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The first Monday of October, 1911, the opening day of the second year of our new Boylan Home Industrial Training School, was a veritable "beehive of activity." Miss Bertha E. Losee, as Superintendent and General, a strong faculty of capable, efficient helpers, and students from all quarters of the now great State of Florida seeking admittance (as one said, to "Boiling" Home), presented a most pleasing and promising outlook. One woman from the southern part of the State brought four girls, daughters of a deceased sister, and said: "I want to be mother to these girls." When asked why she came to Boylan, she said that she knew two of the graduates of this school, one in their city, both of whom were such fine young women and doing so much good, and she wanted these girls to be just like them. She had also brought another little girl, a cousin of the others, and when the Superintendent suggested that the expense would be large for the five and perhaps she had better have two or three come this year, she plead with tearful eyes that they might all attend and that she and her husband could pay the amount, and added, "I am a cook." They did pay, and with just a little help from our scholarship money. They gladly made the severe sacrifice that they might keep those five girls in Boylan, and they were not their own children. They did not have a chance themselves, but are earnestly anxious that the girls shall have an education and Christian training. One hundred and three were registered during the year, and a number were on the waiting list. The indications are, that if our building were twice as large it would be filled. Boylan Home School has a splendid record, and its reputation is second to none. The ministers in all the Conferences, understanding its high standing and the superior opportunities it affords, are aiding in securing a fine class of students. This is true also of our Emerson Home School at Ocala.

A number of things have been completed which were impossible the

first year. Beautiful German silver "name-plates," with names of donors, were placed on the doors. Toilets and slop-sinks were placed on the fourth floor, adding greatly to the comfort and convenience of all concerned.

A large back porch was erected, which adds greatly to the comfort of the matron and cooks.

The grounds have been improved, grass has been transplanted, and our trees and shrubbery are growing nicely. A good-sized garden has provided a part of our necessary vegetables and was a real luxury to both teachers and students.

Twelve bright, intelligent girls graduated from the eighth grade at our commencement, the majority of whom expect to return to take the normal course, preparing for some special line of work. Our normal department is steadily growing, and we are looking forward with bright anticipation to the time when from this department of Boylan School large numbers will go out thoroughly equipped to take positions of responsibility and honor throughout the needy sections of the Southland and be a strong factor in their uplift.

Boylan has had many noted visitors during the year; among them was our greatly beloved and now sainted Bishop Warren, whose address in the chapel will long be remembered. He commended the work and management in the highest terms. Mrs. Robinson, our beloved President, and her husband, who always have words of encouragement and helpfulness for us, and Miss Alice M. Guernsey, who was a guest for a few days. We highly appreciated her visit and are pleased to know that she has written a leaflet of interest on the work being done in Boylan and Emerson Homes.

Booker T. Washington also, with his fifty picked men who were touring the State with him, visited us. He gave a most practical and helpful address, and was most profuse in expressions of praise, complimenting the management, the student body, and the institution on the high order of work they were doing. His officials also were unreserved in expressing their high appreciation of the splendid work and superior conditions, and prophesied a great future for the School.

Emerson Memorial Home and School, Ocala, Fla.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The year just closed has been the most successful since the death of our lamented Miss Buckbee. Confidence is being restored; parents are beginning to realize that, while workers fall, the Lord raises up others just as competent and interested to take their places, and the work moves on with His heavenly benediction.

Emerson opened up with almost its full quota of students, and before Christmas every available place was being utilized and some were on the waiting list. The outlook is most encouraging.

Our splendid corps of workers were happy in closing the year with gratifying success. Miss Vievie Souders, our deaconess and music teacher, has been most helpful, not only in the school but also in the community and the church services.

She has been untiring in the Master's service, ever ready to help; has been organist at the church and League; assisted in Sunday school and church entertainments, conducted mothers' meetings and a kitchen garden during the summer, and assisted the pastor in pastoral work.

Her garb has been an open door of opportunity and a protection to both faculty and students.

The exercises of the closing week were full of interest. The industrial exhibit was fine, displaying a skill and ability of the girls to "do things" that was quite pleasing to the patrons and friends, as they are always interested in seeing practical results.

The neat stitching of the garments made, the well-prepared food, the beautiful, flaky bread, the delicious cake made by their own daughters, made them feel happy and proud and well repaid for the sacrifice necessary to make it all possible. It was "worth while."

Emerson Home has gone on quietly, with little expense to the Society, but the time has come when many things are required. The furnishings are absolutely worn out and must be replenished in every line.

I trust you will all get Miss Guernsey's new leaflet and read it carefully and follow its suggestions. She visited Emerson last winter and writes what she knows. Will not Conference and Auxiliaries that furnished rooms see to it that their rooms are refurnished very soon? We heartily thank you for what you did years ago for us; these supplies have served us well, but now they are worn out and must be replaced. Please send us some boxes of bedding, linen, etc. May we not have some new silverware for our teachers' table, as well as table linen and napkins? We need new chairs for the girls' sitting-room.

Brewster Hospital and Nurse Training School, Jacksonville, Fla.

The Hospital has been led through another successful year of loving ministry. For report, see Hospital Bureau.

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Secretary.*

EAST CENTRAL STATES.

Browning Home and Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

During the past year 82 girls were resident in the Home and 327 boys and girls in attendance at the school. The graduating class of the Academy numbered four, one of these a young man. Our work at the Plantation Schools at Wesley and Ephesus was carried on as usual. At these points our teachers come in helpful contact with some 2,000 people living in the cabins on the plantations, and are giving needed instruction in the practical moralities of a Christian life, as well as inspiring them with larger ideas as to the possibilities of their race in the future.

The usual revival service, carried on by our teachers alone, resulted in the conversion of nearly all the pupils in Home and school.

The interest of the year centered about our new school building and its dedication April 18th by Dr. Herbert Welch, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

In a letter written by the unknown donor for the dedicatory service, he asked that it be named "Hubbard Hall," in memory of Adella M. Hubbard, a native of Enfield, Conn., and expressed the hope that the new facilities here afforded might aid in the enlargement and improvement

of the school and be a source of encouragement to the young people engaged in study here, and that the privileges offered them in this school and Home might serve not only for the acquisition of knowledge but also for the formation of habits of industry, of thoroughness, and carefulness in all the work undertaken, and of strict obedience to the principles of righteousness upon which all well-being must be founded.

The furnishings of the new buildings are the best the market affords, and are complete in every respect, and these, with the building, came to us as a gift from this generous friend.

The work of remodeling the old school building for dormitory purposes began as soon as the school vacated it, and will soon be completed.

It is impossible in the limit allowed for this report to give any complete showing of the extent and variety of the work being done here by our competent, faithful missionaries, but it is at all times worthy of your most generous support.

Allen Home and Lurandus Beach Industrial School, Asheville, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

At Allen Home we had during the past year 56 girls in the Home and 165 boys and girls in the school, and I am glad to say that the number of self-supporting girls increases. This not only indicates a growing appreciation on the part of the colored people of the benefit received through the training, but it makes it nearer possible to maintain the work on the lessened support that all work for colored people is now receiving from the general Society.

The graduating class numbered eleven. Four of these were employed at Bancroft Rest Home, Ocean Grove, during the summer, and won favor by their efficient service. Four have secured positions as teachers, one has entered Morristown (Tenn.) Academy, two have returned to the Home to take advanced work in domestic science and dress-making.

The little church known as Berry Chapel, which is the outgrowth of our work, is prospering and our teachers and pupils contribute largely to its growth. Substantial improvements have been made in the buildings and grounds and more are planned for this year. We have no change in teachers, and all are working happily and harmoniously together.

The opportunity for enlarged work at all points in this Bureau is unlimited, and we ask your generous sympathy and financial help, that we may measure up to our opportunity.

Mrs. E. L. Albright, *Secretary.*

WEST CENTRAL STATES.

New Jersey Conference Home, Morristown, Tenn.

(Scholarship, $50.)

There are no marked features to record save the daily routine of honest work, which is sure to terminate in a year of success. Miss Johnson, in her annual report, says: "This has been a pleasant year's work; scarcely any sickness, and a very congenial, easily-controlled family of girls."

Members of the Queen Esther Circle were more interested than ever before, and their enthusiasm was contagious in that a Circle was organized of the town girls. Our Home girls gave $20—$10 sent to Farmington, N. M., and $10 to a missionary in Africa we all know.

Some interior improvements have been made in the way of fresh paper and paint for a part of the girls' rooms, and a new kitchen floor, sink, and plumbing sufficient to place all in a sanitary condition; a small extension of cement walk, together with the exterior painting of last year, give us to feel New Jersey Home in a quiet way has kept pace, and faith as well, with its benefactors who have so generously aided in the improvements and protection of the property; and, best of all, many girls have gone out to make better homes for themselves, or as teachers, that acknowledge a debt of gratitude they hope in some measure to repay by passing it on to others, if not in a more direct way.

A new departure has been made this year as an experiment, by having all the sewing classes in the new recitation building of the Freedman's Aid Society. Should this prove a success, it affords us the additional room formerly used as a sewing room for other purposes, making it possible to somewhat enlarge our borders.

With grateful hearts we enter upon the new year, expecting it will be a better year because of that to which we have already attained.

Kent Home, Greensboro, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Kent Home, so fresh in the memory of its many benefactors, is still on vantage ground. We had the pleasure of visiting it and attending to additional furnishings while the North Carolina Conference was in session at Greensboro. The preachers favored us by coming in a body to visit and inspect the Home, some having daughters there, and very many expressed their appreciation of this and kindred industrial Homes because out from them their nurses had come. One minister said: "I am the father of ten children, but when my girls are old enough there is no sacrifice I would not be willing to make that they may have the benefit of a Home like this."

We have added the feature of teaching millinery in connection with the sewing. The library is more than meeting our expectations. Kept with the same rules and restrictions of a well-regulated public library, it supplies a need for the students outside the Home, and others as well, which could not otherwise be met. We still bespeak small donations for this work, as from time to time we hope to increase not only the number of volumes but our usefulness as well.

In common with all other Secretaries we share the solicitude with the ever-increasing expense of food products, how we can finance our work and not have a deficit at the close of the year. And we could not do this were it not that year by year we find a little improvement in self-support and a willingness on the part of those having the matter in direct charge to make the most of funds at their command.

We are glad we are not forced to make heavy special requests this year; neither do we forget the generous and timely response in recent years, assured that the work which you have so lovingly planted will receive reasonable financial support in the days to come.

Mrs. Horace T. Dennis, *Secretary.*

WEST SOUTHERN STATES.

Peck Home.

There is great joy in looking backward over a year's work when we know that, notwithstanding discouragements and disappointment, something has really been accomplished; and so, as Secretary of the Bureau for West Southern States, when I look over the past year my heart is filled with joy and with gratitude for the privilege of service, and for the fact that the hopes and dreams of many years have been at last realized and Peck Home (in New Orleans) has been rebuilt and stands as a monument of the faithfulness of our women in their efforts to meet the needs of the negro girl in the Southland.

First came the ground-breaking in June, 1911; then in January, 1912, the corner-stone was laid; early in April we sent out invitations for an opening, or visitors' day, also asking that donations of dishes be brought in at this time. This was a day of great rejoicing, and many were the words of praise and delight as the guests were shown over the building, which is well equipped, too, for the work that is ours to do.

The building is three stories (brick) with basement in which is the laundry and trunk-room. There is room for forty girls and the necessary teachers, also large domestic science and domestic art room, bath-rooms, dining-room, kitchen, and—to the wonderment of every Southern person who came into the building—a closet in every room and large store-room and closet for bedding on each floor.

The building is well built and furnished throughout. Everything is good, but not the most expensive. Hours were spent in going from store to store getting prices, and whenever a penny could be saved it was done; but I am sure all will agree with me that it is not economy to buy cheap things just because they are cheap. All this was not accomplished without much thought and planning, nor without sacrifice. But I am sure it has all been done willingly and cheerfully, and also sure that you realize, *as I do,* that this Home could not have been built if it had not been for *your* help, *your* co-operation in making your pledges for building fund, in naming of rooms, doors, and windows; and I am glad to tell you that we have come out better than I had even dared to hope would be possible, and we will only have to borrow $6,000 to complete our building fund. But you know how fast interest counts up, and so will understand why I urge you to stand by this work the next three years as you have in the past. If you do, we will be out of debt; the buildings all complete, etc., will cost $27,000. It is a building we may well be proud of, a credit to our Society and the Church we represent. It has taken careful planning to accomplish this, as every thing is much higher than even five years ago. In addition to building fund we will need pledges for current expenses, light, and scholarships. For all of this we must depend *on you,* and I am sure you will not fail us.

The flood of early spring and summer caused untold damage, and it will be at least a year before the people can recover from its effects; and so we must give some aid to many girls if we are to have our house full. We are hoping that during the next year many of our friends will visit Peck Home and so see for themselves what has been done with the money entrusted to us.

Only those who have been in the South and at work among the kind of girls we are hoping to reach can realize what a power for good these Homes are. Surely they are as a lighthouse to those in need of help.

Miss Ida Gibson is the new Superintendent of Peck Home, and is proving to be the right one for the place. Miss Mary Turner is her assistant. Miss Minta Hungerford and Miss Elizabeth Cassell still have charge of the D. S. and D. A. work, and are kept busy with the large number of girls who are taking this work. All of our workers are housed in Peck Home. We want to make this the center of our Woman's Home Missionary Society work in New Orleans.

Italian Work.

I wish I had the power to bring before you the great need of work among the 60,000 Italians in that old city of New Orleans. Surely God will hold us accountable if we do not arouse ourselves to this great need. The opportunity is a marvelous one and the field a broad one; but as this year closes I must say, as I have for the past four years, we have in no sense been awake to our responsibility or measured up to this opportunity for service.

During these years I have been pleading for this work the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," has sounded in this needy field also. Is it not time we heeded it? We have had a worker here the past three years and have had sewing classes, kindergarten and night school; but the need for a trained kindergartner and missionary, and something for her to work with, has been evident at all times, and so I am happy to tell you I have at last secured one—have ventured out on faith in doing so, feeling sure you would stand by me in this and the money necessary for her support and material, etc., would be pledged.

We have a fine Italian pastor, and the people are willing and anxious to know the "Christ way." If you could come into our women's prayer meeting, hear their testimonies and prayers, the burden of which is always, "We thank thee that thou hast brought us out of the great darkness into the marvelous light," I am sure you would want to have a part in sending the gospel to these who sit in darkness.

Miss Cora Peet, of Tarare, Fla., is our new worker. Her assistant is Miss Catherine Hines.

Miss Eliza Page, so long our faithful standby, is always alert for opportunities for service. The Society has no more valuable worker anywhere than Miss Page; a Southern-born woman, she can go without questioning into many places where it is hard for others. Her advice and help to our workers is invaluable, and the Christ spirit for service, no matter how humble it may be, is ever present. Her visits to the hospitals and among the needy is a blessing to all who come in contact with her. I need at least $500 to make it possible to carry on this work, to meet the very barest needs, to say nothing of the things we want to do and ought to do. Will you not help us?

Adeline Smith Industrial Home.

The past year has been a good one, in some respects the best year we have ever had, but also in some respects the hardest—the high cost of living, the extreme cold weather running our coal bills up way beyond where they have ever been before, and the large number of girls who needed help, have added much to the burden of our Superintendent.

The question is often asked, what per cent of the necessary expense is paid in by the girls, so you will be interested in the following figures sent me by Mrs. Nasmith: "We took in for board during the year

$3,337, from mite-boxes $251, from sewing department $96, from other sources picked up here and there $97. Total amount of self-help, $771. We received from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on mortgage, $155.30; Student Aid, $1,119; salary, $740. Total, $2,014.30. Total amount of money received and expended, $5,789.36.

"You will notice that our self-help, though the year was exceedingly high, is in excess, relatively speaking, than any previous year, and had the floods not come and made destitute the people I have no doubt we would have made it about $3,600 all told; but you know I can not get money from people, even if they owe it, when food is not to be had and poverty is rife. We had 100 or more enrolled, and at the close of school we had 89 in the Home. A large number of girls would have had to leave school as soon as the floods came on had it not been for the additional scholarship fund that came in from Auxiliaries and friends that tided them over so they could remain and take examination and close the year's work."

I am sure this will convince you that our girls help themselves all they are able to, and if you could know the poverty of many of these people you would consider it almost marvelous that they could do so much. During the year the Home was greatly crowded—100 girls part of the time and 89 all the time. I am sure if you could see this old building, so greatly in need of repairs—if you could step in during the time of preparing a meal, see the small kitchen and how inconvenient it is in every way—you would surely say, we will help to raise the money you have asked for to make the repairs that are absolutely necessary.

The Home life has been above that of previous years. Our girls have had a higher ideal of what they wanted to be and have tried to live up to that ideal; they have maintained a higher standard in keeping their rooms orderly and nice, and have taken more pride in the general duties of the Home; and the yard has had special attention. So, taking it all in all, we are more than pleased with the year's work.

Splendid work has been done in the sewing department as well as in the other work. There has also been a steady growth spiritually.

Some of the girls maintained what we call the "Inner Circle." It was composed of spiritual-minded girls, and they endeavored to do some special good for some one every day in addition to their regular duties and work. They also prayed for unconverted boys at the college and with girls at the Home, and many were led in the path of right through their efforts.

They kept a prayer meeting here during the year, and I verily believe it helped us to have peace and harmony, for you know God answers the prayer of his weakest child when spoken to Him in faith. Our Queen Esthers and Home Guards did excellent work. We scarcely hope for repetition of their endeavors, but I am sure they are going to do the best they can. We are now endeavoring to raise through those organizations and friends $225 to enlarge the kitchen and put modern improvements in it. Of course that will be next winter's job to raise the money, but we are going to try very hard anyhow, and if we are successful we shall certainly be happy. All our girls were converted but two. They were Baptist girls, and I verily believe they were afraid to surrender their hearts to God in a Methodist school for fear it would make them Methodists.

This is in part some of the work of the Homes and missions of the Bureau for West Southern States. Truly we are "co-workers together with God," a blessed privilege. But let us remember one thing—God expects *us* to do all *we* can do to bring the results we pray for, so I ask

that you keep this in mind and not only *pray* for the success of this work, but *work* and *give* for it.

Mrs. E. L. Knostman, *Secretary.*

MISSISSIPPI.

Elizabeth L. Rust Home, Holly Springs.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The Elizabeth L. Rust Home is situated in the black belt of Mississippi, upon the fifty-four acre campus of the Rust University, which is considered by many to be the most beautiful in Methodism. The university is the oldest of the Freedmen's Aid educational institutions, and draws its students from eight States, though there are over a million Negroes in Mississippi.

There were forty-eight girls in the Home during the year, which tested its capacity—fifty applicants having been denied admission.

The missionaries and students are very grateful to the Conferences and other friends for the improvements made during the year. In the front hall the handsome green Wilton rugs (the gift of a Presbyterian), the portiers to match, and a large radiator greet the eye, for the rag-carpet mat and the old box-stove have disappeared, as have the other twenty-one historic stoves throughout the house, and in their places are found the radiators of our new hot-water plant. The fire-escape makes the house perfectly safe, thus relieving the superintendent of much anxiety. The milk of the cow, recently purchased, does much to improve the table fare.

Our crop of tomatoes, turnips, and peas is good, but we regret that we have only one-third the usual quantity of sweet potatoes—twenty-five bushels—for we begrudge every extra expenditure; economy has become a joy, for every dollar saved brings the time to build the proposed wing nearer.

Too much commendation can not be given the Superintendent, Miss Becker, for her twelve years of faithful service. The deportment and bearing of the girls under her firm but gentle training is a source of gratification. Though the house is unpretentious, its furnishings the cheapest, and considerably worn, there is a charm about the Home, for the beauty of holiness abides there. The girls have caught the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion which marks the lives of the missionaries, who are entirely ostracized on account of their efforts to Christianize the Negro girls.

The sewing teacher returned from town recently looking, the Superintendent thought, especially joyous. "What has happened to make you glad?" "O, I feel as though I have been home on a visit," was the reply. "Dr. ——— stopped to speak with me on the street and chatted about our work." "Was that unusual?" I asked. Then I learned that the white people of the South have no more dealings with our missionaries than had the Jews with the Samaritans at the time of our Lord.

Our girls are studious, and annually are awarded a number of the prizes offered at the university. They are grateful for their opportunities, as there are no high schools for the Negroes in the State; in some counties there are no grammar schools, and in others the schools are poor. When

the ability of a colored teacher was questioned, a short time ago, the inspector was heard to reply, "That Negro knows how to flog his students, and that is sufficient knowledge for any colored teacher."

Though there are seven Negroes to four whites in the State, practically none of them dare to vote.

All of the girls were members of the Church, Epworth League, and Circle. They gave ten dollars to Alaska, and ten to the Navajo Mission. This year they are working most enthusiastically to secure one hundred dollars to name a room in the wing.

The sewing department, where Miss Barbour has served so faithfully for six years (Mrs. McDonald, assistant), is still considered by President Docking the most successful department of the university. Ten machines were kept busy in the spacious, bright room set apart for our use in the main building of the university. The materials for the new show-case were a gift from Miss Barbour, the boys of the university having done the work. Their display of needlework at the General Conference elicited much praise. These girls have made 316 dresses, besides 500 other garments. One of our graduates is in charge of the sewing department at Meridian Academy.

The Circle of Millbrook, Ohio, and the Auxiliary of the First Church, Mansfield, Ohio, sent valuable boxes of gifts to the girls at Christmas. As there were but two holidays, none of the girls went home. Christmas would have been dreary indeed had it not been for the generosity of these societies and of Miss Weston, Cincinnati, who sent five dollars to purchase a treat.

We are extremely grateful to the Upper Iowa Conference, who have already paid for their room and are now ready to furnish it, and to the other Conferences who have made generous pledges towards the Building Fund, and for all contributions to Student Aid and other lines of work. We hope all friends will pledge something, even though it be little, that we may secure the entire $8,000. We ask the early payment of pledges that we may build this fall.

We are responsible for the presence of the Negroes in America; let us not look upon their Christianization as the "white man's burden," but rather as our privilege. Let us lift them up so that they may clasp hands with us in the evangelization of America, and also become a factor in the salvation of their own people in Africa.

Then, too, do we not offer them our deepest gratitude, for was it not a colored man who at the time of our Lord's physical prostration bore the cross He was carrying for our sakes?

Mrs. I. D. Jones, *Secretary.*

TEXAS.

King Home, Marshall, Texas.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The past year was a very trying one at King Home. The Superintendent thought several times that it would be necessary to close the school. The whole building was in such a dilapidated condition. Stoves, beds, and mattresses were falling to pieces; the roof was leaking, and plastering falling off in almost every room and in the halls. There were not enough cooking utensils or supplies of any kind with which to keep house.

After the close of the school year, the Superintendent, Miss Apperson, remained for some time, and your secretary went to Marshall to see what could be done to improve conditions. After much cleaning, papering, painting, making over bedding, etc., the inside is fairly comfortable. The outside needs attention and must be painted very soon if you wish to keep your building. Window panes are tacked in, nails protruding, weatherboards ready to fall off if not soon re-nailed, and the fence is falling down, giving the whole place a dilapidated appearance. As it looks now, it is far from being a credit to our Society.

I believe that if you could see the Home your hearts would be warmed and you would open your pocketbooks and help to put it in at least a respectable condition.

Our Superintendent has worked very hard among the girls, trying to bring order out of chaos. These girls are easily taught, and are anxious to do right. Shall we not help them? I wish you could all understand how they look to us for help, and how hard they try to "be somebody." Miss Apperson writes, "The girls are delighted with their clean rooms, and are keeping them in excellent order so far," and that she tries to impress them with the fact that the money was spent for their sakes.

Eliza Dee Industrial Home, Austin, Texas.

(Scholarship, $50.)

I can report splendid work done at Eliza Dee Home, under the watchful eye of Miss King, our faithful Superintendent. She is one of the oldest workers, and accomplishes first-class work under very trying conditions. Can we not hold up her hands by giving her a new building just as soon as possible?

"Every privilege we possess involves the responsibility to share it with our neighbors who are less happily endowed."

Mrs. E. W. Seeds, *Secretary.*

WHITE WORK IN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA.

Rebecca McCleskey Home, Boaz, Ala.

(Scholarship, $50.)

We are glad to bring to you from our mountain top the best report in our history. We have a house full of bright, earnest workers, and I say that in all truthfulness, for, when each hour of the day has some duty done, some task accomplished, you may well call them workers. And no part of the Home work has been more appreciated than the industrial training. Our sewing and cooking took the premiums at the county fair, and right here I would pay tribute to Miss Adams, the faithful teacher of Domestic Science, who labored only too well and lost her health through her zeal. Others, too, have left us, and we miss them, but our best wishes follow wherever they may be.

Busy Day.—The rising bell is at 6 A. M., and after dressing, beds must be put to air and all be ready for the breakfast bell at 6.30. After breakfast, rooms are put in order, and the cheerful hum of labor is intermingled with the music of the piano until school opens at 8.30, when

quiet settles down and the matron then devotes a few hours to the varied duties a large family entails.

The school hours are long, but the day is short for one who has to plan and manage a household of 150 souls. There is outside work, too, for we have a fine garden, two cows, and chickens, besides two horses, which are useful additions, for they haul our fuel, boxes, and baggage, besides plowing our corn and cotton fields. You ought to know about that, for it is raised upon land which is not all paid for. A friend, not a Methodist, wanted to secure to us $1,000 which she had, so sent it for investment; and Mrs. Elder purchased twenty acres, for which she was to pay $2,000. As this land is on the edge of the town, and there is a farmhouse on it which rents for $40 per month, it seemed a good investment, especially so as the railroad is now projected which will pass on one side of it. Nice cottages have been built beyond, and some day we will plat our ground and sell it for several times what it cost us. Now the rent more than pays the interest, and the cotton is paying on the principal. We have about four acres around the house. Our vegetables are raised on ground belonging to Mrs. Elder, and there is some fruit from the young trees. We have had to economize in many things you would not approve of, for we haven't had sufficient bed or table linen, dishes, or flat silver; and we have not had money to keep our plumbing in repair. The extra fund which I had planned to use for such things had to go into painting our roof, and living expenses. I am sorry to say that some of our pledges were not met, and this was a great embarrassment to us.

Every one has been most kind to us in our many adversities, so we concluded it was an oversight, and come to you again in full confidence that you will stand by a work which has merited your love and praise, and been blessed by our Father. Think of the hundreds of girls who have gone from this Home in the ten years of its existence to teach! It is as John G. Whittier says of our country:

"Tried as by furnace fires, and yet
By God's grace only stronger made;
In future tasks before thee set
Thou shalt not lack the old-time aid."

Settlement, Cedartown, Georgia.

If you would know the half of the difficulties and discomforts under which our two missionaries have labored here, in sunshine, rain, cold, and heat, you would vote them heroines. We are told in Holy Writ that, "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

This has been almost literally true of our two missionaries there. I learned quite by accident that they had no bed of their own; one of their poor neighbors had loaned them one, and the children doubtless slept upon the floor, feeling honored in making this sacrifice for their teachers. Their dining table was also loaned, but alas! by a widower, and he now contemplates marrying again.

The only real good piece of furniture they owned was a kitchen range, given them by a Cedartown merchant.

Mrs. Elder sent them bedding and such things from her own scanty store, and who shall say that it was not her example and training which taught them to sacrifice and serve for love of Him?

Kind friends furnished a bed, a refrigerator, and a fireless cooker. They also have an organ, but no dining table; so you may judge by this that the furnishing of that little Home is very simple and meager.

The work has been growing in numbers of pupils and in the favor of the people. The Sunday school and religious services have proved a great blessing to this mill community, and there were many conversions. The work will continue to be carried on by two of our own girls—from McClesky Home—and this year we expect to have a third, who will prove an addition through her musical ability. Before many months pass we expect our new settlement building to be completed and furnished, giving to these faithful workers the equipment they need and the work calls for. This building must prove to be a real lighthouse, shedding its cheerful rays on all who come within the radius of its influence. Don't you want to send a ray?

Rooms must be furnished for cooking and sewing classes; day and night school, and a reading room that shall be made so attractive as to put the saloons out of business. This is a neglected corner of God's footstool, so let us—as Chas. Kingsley says in his "Hymn to the Wiltshire Laborers:"

"O God! remind them of the bread
They break upon the knee;
These sacred words may yet be read:
In memory of me."

Mrs. O. P. McCarty, *Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

Steadily and effectively the work of the North Carolina Bureau is growing into larger usefulness. We have maintained six Community Schools during the past year, which ministered unto four hundred students. The schools are located at Teresita, Vests, Craggy, Etowah, Lansing, and Marshallberg. The two latter schools were new this last year.

Marshallberg is a Coast Mission School, started in response to many urgent appeals to enter work there, and maintained with the funds previously applied to Marion, which school has become self-supporting.

The school at Lansing was made possible and entirely cared for through a generous gift from a friend in Maine whose heart had been touched by the pitiful need.

These Community Schools are simply day schools, far in the interior, bringing a ray of intelligence to those who lack all privileges of education.

A District Superintendent, while attending to some matters relating to the school work, wrote that he had remained overnight with a father and four grown daughters (the mother being dead), and not one of them could read or write, yet they desired a Christian paper and thought they could get a neighbor over the mountain to come occasionally and read to them. This is the darkness we are trying to dispel.

Last year the school terms at Etowah and Vests were shortened by an epidemic of measles. When asked about continuing school, one teacher wrote that many still had the measles and there were lots more to get them. This shows the helplessness of these people amid unsanitary conditions and without aid of a physician.

Great interest was manifested in the schools at all points, and much good accomplished. The attendance was remarkable for a winter of unusual and extreme cold weather.

While gratefully appreciating all favors during the past year, let me remind you to "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

Mitchell Home.

Mitchell Home is truly an oasis in an arid land, for the young people of the mountain sections in North Carolina are thirsting and eager for knowledge. Ere the doors were opened for this year's session they thronged to the Home pleading for admission. Some from families who had toiled for the means to support the child there; others with only the anxious hope that somehow a way would be provided for the child to remain, and all rejoicing in the realization of a wonderful opportunity. But all too soon the Home was filled to its capacity, and many were turned away in pitiful disappointment. There are nearly a hundred students in the school, fifty of whom live in the Home, the others being day scholars from the country about. There are many on the waiting list, and indeed we could have double the number of students if we had accommodations for them.

The scholars range from six years upward, but many of the students are young people from sixteen to twenty-three years, who are having their first educational opportunity.

Two of our students of last year are teaching now, thus relieving family burdens and also disseminating the fine principles and training learned in our Home.

Miss Emma Fairchild, the new Superintendent, is a woman of high attainments and large and valuable experience as an educator, having for years had charge of Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa.

Miss Brown, Miss Moore, and Miss Ashton are in their accustomed places.

The school has made remarkable progress and the work has been better graded and systematized to the advantage of the student and its ready accomplishment.

The walls of the Home have been refreshed by their first coat of paint, and an adequate heating plant installed. Other lesser improvements have added largely to the comfort of the family.

Besides the regular industrial work for the girls, some new features are introduced this year for the boys. A new printing press will not only give them knowledge of its use, but serve many a need for both school and village. Likewise the two incubators and brooders will give profitable knowledge to our boys, also supply our table with meat and eggs, and be an example to the farmers round the country.

Even five little pigs have been added to our establishment, which will make profitable disposal of parings and table waste. And in many other ways we are adapting means at hand to serve a larger purpose.

Arrangements are being made for Bishop Henderson, prominent ministers, and people of large affairs to visit the school and address the students, thus bringing them in touch with world interests.

Express packages can now be sent to Mitchell Home when addressed, Mitchell Home, Misenheimer; care Mr. E. B. Kidd, Salisbury, N. C.

Along every line Mitchell Home has taken a large step forward this

year, and with continued assistance and divine favor, it goes forth with courage and renewed possibilities into larger service for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON, *Secretary.*

WHITE WORK IN MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE.

Bennett Home and Academy.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The work of Bennett Home and Academy during the last year has, though conducted under some difficulty, been gratifying in its results. Never has so large an opportunity been presented to the school through the number of boys and girls who wish to come to it.

Our enrollment last year was 253. We have opened this year with 138 pupils, only four less than we had at this time a year ago, and that in spite of the fact that we have no place to house our boys, except such homes as we can secure for them in the settlement, because of the fact that Dixon Hall, the boys' dormitory, was last February destroyed by fire.

During the last two years I have carefully studied the situation at Clarkson with these questions in mind:

Is our work needed in this section, and if so, can we carry it on to the best advantage located where it now is at Clarkson, eight miles from the railroad, or would we better take it to one of the nearby railroad towns?

The burning of Dixon Hall last winter made imperative the determining of our policy for the future.

I spent three weeks there in February, during which time I was visited by committees from five of the nearby towns, which would like to have the school come to them. I visited these towns, and went into the homes of the people.

I am convinced:

First—That if white work is needed anywhere in the South, it is needed in this distinctly rural section of the State of Mississippi.

Second—That our Woman's Home Missionary Society has a large duty, not simply in helping a few needy individuals who need help, but also in helping to develop the educational system in this entire part of the State.

Mississippi furnishes some money for public schools, but the trustees chosen are for the most part ignorant men who do not know what a school should be, and competent teachers are not available.

After a careful review of the entire situation by the Board, it was decided to accept the proposition of the towns of Mathiston, the railroad point to which most of our students must come in reaching Clarkson, to give us fifty acres of land and $5,000, and take our school there.

It was also decided to maintain at Clarkson, our present location, a community settlement, thus meeting the needs of the younger children there.

For the purpose of placing the new buildings at Mathiston, the Finance Committee has allowed us $30,000 conditional appropriation. This $30,000, with the $5,000 promised by Mathiston, and the $2,300 insurance

on Dixon Hall and $2,500 secured from other sources, will give us $40,000, which is a very modest amount when it is remembered that we must have three buildings: an Industrial Home, a school building, and a boys' dormitory. For the most part, our Industrial Homes are located in connection with some one of the schools under the control of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but here we maintain our own school, which calls for a larger equipment. Our work must suffer until we can carry into execution the new plans.

We have a duty to these capable but poor people, and we believe that as the women of our Society become advised of the real conditions they will speedily make possible the erection of the buildings and the execution of plans for a larger, more effective Bennett Home and Academy.

Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham, *Secretary.*

The Elizabeth Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall.

This is the Home for the girls attending the Athens School at Athens, Tenn. The Home is now in its twenty-second year, and its pupils, scattered through the States of the Union, are "making good." Various lines of industrial work are taught, such as general housekeeping, sewing, dressmaking, buying family supplies, keeping accounts, and cooking.

Our family now numbers ninety-four.

Early in the last year our efficient Superintendent, Mrs. F. V. Chapman, passed to her reward. Ever since the opening of the school, twenty-one years ago, she had been the head of this growing institution. She was so identified with its interests that she frequently received letters addressed to Mrs. Ritter, and was playfully called by this name among her friends.

The management felt great concern about finding a successor, but we believe we have found a Superintendent, a woman of large and varied experience, who will ably carry on the work, Miss Carolyn A. Jenkins, of Indianapolis, Ind. We bespeak for her all the consideration and courtesies which for so many years have been accorded Mrs. Chapman.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, so deservedly popular in the Home, will remain at the head of the sewing department.

Miss Mary Likins, a graduate of the Ohio State University, also a graduate of the three years' course in Domestic Science and Art in the same institution, is to take charge of classes in Domestic Science and Art in Ritter Home the coming year.

Miss Rowena Roberts, one of the most faithful of women, will still serve as matron.

Miss Sarah Campbell, a teacher of wide experience, and a recent graduate of the Washington, D. C., Training School, has a variety of duties, thus making her a valuable assistant to the Superintendent and a "big sister" to the students.

We look for large growth and corresponding usefulness.

Mrs. D. L. Williams, *Chairman.*

KENTUCKY.

The Kentucky Twins came into existence at the closing hour of our Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kan. When Mother Onstott held them in loving embrace for the smile of approval, and the President of our great Society, thinking probably of the many children to be cared for on our Home Mission family, was amazed at the prospect of a sudden acquisition of twins, said, "If we could take but one of these, which would you choose?" Mrs. Onstott seemed distressed,—then answered, "*Can* a mother choose between her twins?"

The warm mother-heart of the Convention was stirred in loving sympathy and expressed in a vote to adopt the Twins of the Cumberland Mountains, caring for one at Harlan and the other at Olive Hill.

Harlan.

Lots valued at $4,500 have been given as a site for a school building by the citizens of the little mountain town of Harlan, in the southeastern section of the State, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Recently the noble pledge of $2,000 from the grand old Erie Conference names the home, and gifts aggregating about $1,000 have enabled us to purchase a new house of nine rooms, adjoining our lots. This is adapted to the beginnings of our work at Harlan.

The one-year-old Harlan "Twin" has a house, and now needs the furnishings and equipment to aid in its development for usefulness in helping others. Fifteen hundred dollars are required to complete payment on Erie Home.

A kindergarten was maintained here last year, and a letter from the Kindergartner, Miss Lillian Leigh, lately, shows her true missionary spirit. The Death Angel claimed a little one, the only child of a father and mother, who were sorely bereft. This lovely young Kindergartner ministered unto them in the hour of sorrow, and Mrs. D. W. Brown, the Methodist pastor's young wife, accompanied them to the place of burial, two miles distant. If these two consecrated women had not gone, there would have been no song sung, no prayer offered, no words of comfort uttered, and probably the sorrow-stricken parents would not have knelt by the little grave and promised to so live as to meet an unbroken family beyond the river.

The gift of our country's flag to wave over Erie Home is a tribute from the New York Conference to the memory of General and Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk. Fifty years ago, General Fisk and his regiment carried the Stars and Stripes through shot and shell over the mountains of Kentucky in the war to set free those who were bound in slavery. With him went Mrs. Fisk, an angel of mercy, to bind up the wounds and bring comfort to the suffering. Mrs. May Fisk Park, then "the baby of the regiment," is now the President of the New York Conference, and shares appreciative recognition in the crowning of Erie Home with the Stars and Stripes, in loving memory of General and Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.

Olive Hill.

The "Olive Hill Twin" is located in the northeastern section of Kentucky, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

A picturesque site of six acres has been donated by Mr. W. H. Scott as a building lot, and additional ground promised by the citizens. The Fire Brick Company has promised to donate the brick for a $15,000

school building, and to provide the heating and lighting plant—the Woman's Home Missionary Society to furnish the building and maintain the school. Two thousand dollars will be required for furnishing and equipment. Friends have the privilege of naming rooms and doors and windows.

The ground-breaking ceremonies, when hundreds of men, women, and children marched in procession, with music and banners, rejoicing in the prospect of a school, was an occasion of interest and inspiration.

Kentucky is favored in having among its citizens men and women of vision who see what it will mean to the community and State to have such schools established in their midst.

A gentleman from Columbus, Ohio, has offered to donate the roof for this school building.

One incident will show the eagerness of the people for school opportunity. "Grandfather Thomas," who can neither read nor write, subscribed $100 for this school. His wages are $1.25 a day for a family of five. He wants his grandchildren to acquire what he does not possess—an education. This subscription of a hundred dollars inspired one possessed of means to say, "Well, if Thomas can not pay, I will see that it is paid."

A kindergarten, maintained there last year, closed with an attendance of sixty-two happy little ones, Miss Lucia Kidd, teacher. One of the chief business men of the town wrote that he "believed this school had exerted more influence than any other one thing that has happened in their community."

A primary class has been added to the kindergarten this year, because these little ones are not received into the public school. Miss Fannie McGuire has entered upon the work with much enthusiasm.

Rev. G. W. Howes, formerly pastor at Olive Hill, is supervising the interests of this enterprise.

Clay mining and brick making are the chief industries of Olive Hill. Space is not given to tell of a visit to a clay mine—nor of the bricks shaped and formed from this clay and the brands stamped upon them as *the best* that are builded into houses, schools, and temples in which to worship the Maker of the universe.

We want *you* to go with us in the spirit of helpfulness and take the *human clay* found in the mountains of Kentucky, mold and fashion it into form and symmetry of character, and when the impress of the great Master Builder of character is placed upon each individual piece of clay, then will it be meet to be builded into that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, *Chairman.*

UTAH.

Deaconesses.—Salt Lake City, Ogden.
Missionaries.—Ephraim, Logan, Mt. Pleasant, Provo.
Teachers.—Elsinore, Moroni, Spring City.

The work in the Utah field during the past year has been but little varied from that of former years. The same good providence of God has been over it. Our corps of representatives has been signally blessed with health during the year, and no changes have occurred to interrupt the different departments of work. Cupid is a most active and disturbing enemy among our forces. Two of our appreciated teachers have been

fatally caught in his meshes this year. How to counteract this innovation, had we the disposition, is a problem. We have consolation in believing that Christian homes will be established, which is really the world's greatest need.

Deaconesses.

Salt Lake City.—Our Davis Deaconess Home, in Salt Lake City, is still not only the Home for our deaconesses, but is a happy retreat for all of our young women when conditions make it possible for them to take a little respite from their respective fields of labor. Not only these, but the sad and storm-tossed, the offended and the offending ones, in this great intermountain city, with its varied and numberless snares set for the feet of the unwary, find here a Christian welcome from the household presided over with such rare tact and skill by our Superintendent, Miss C. E. Robinson, who will soon enter upon her twelfth year in this capacity.

The year opened with our full quota of deaconesses in the Home, and so continued until June 1st, when Miss Crispin resigned to enter other Christian service. Miss Crispin served Iliff Church, and displayed fine aptitude for work among young people.

Miss Ida R. Watson, with her accustomed vigor and alertness, has faithfully given to Heath Church the benefit of her years of excellent experience along the lines of deaconess endeavor. Every department of the Church has realized her influence. Miss Watson enters a new field the coming year, that of Travelers' Aid in Salt Lake City, under the auspices of the Young Woman's Christian Association. We are glad to say, however, that we shall have the presence of Miss Watson in our Home.

Miss Elizabeth Bellis continues with the Second Church. Her Mothers' Jewels Band is the admiration of all, while in all other interests of the Church there is no lack.

Miss Minnie Jones is closing her second year with Liberty Park Church—years full of varied duties conscientiously performed.

Miss Elizabeth Laney, our veteran deaconess in the Home, has been happy in her work for First Church, the Church being entirely responsible for her support. Miss Laney's especial care has been the Sabbath school, with enough other duties introduced into the daily routine to keep her active and efficient along all lines.

It is a matter of deep regret that we have not been able to command at least one deaconess for Ogden—two would be better, and three best—a visiting, a nurse, and a Travelers' Aid deaconess. The Church, the Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliary, and other interested agencies are ready to help. Mr. J. J. Brummitt, the donor of the beautiful lot for a Deaconess Home, which the General Board of Managers accepted at the last Annual Meeting, as well as all looking toward the advancement of Christian work, are anxiously awaiting the time when a Home shall be erected commensurate with the growing needs and opportunities of this beautiful and enterprising city.

Missionaries.

Ephraim and Mt. Pleasant.—For nine years we have had under our auspices in this field Miss Ada L. Applegate. For three years just past she has been stationed at Mt. Pleasant as missionary on leave of absence from deaconess work. Her work resolved itself into the purely

evangelistic, seeking through distinctive Christian effort to exemplify the Master, never hesitating to speak of her faith with Christian kindliness and sympathetic forbearance. Her Sabbath school and Church interests have been well maintained. The pastor being non-resident and visiting the Church only fortnightly, and this in mid-week, makes the work of his assistant no easy task. Miss Applegate's Home Study Class has numbered thirty, with eleven members who were adherents to the dominating faith.

Upon the occasion of the fortnightly visits of the pastor at Ephraim—thirteen miles distant from Mt. Pleasant—Miss Applegate has spent two days there with her Home Study Class and house-to-house visiting.

Miss Applegate returns to California for a needed rest, after which we earnestly hope for her return to this field.

Logan.—Miss Bessie Keller is closing her second year at Logan. Like her co-workers, she has had the experience of the do-everything-good policy, which reaches out in all directions to heal and help. Industrial work and Domestic Science on a small scale have been an enjoyment to parents and children alike.

Provo.—Miss Muriel Forester came to Provo a year ago. In a few days after her arrival the pastor left the station, and until June 1st he had no successor. Visiting ministers usually supplied the pulpit upon the Sabbath. When there was a failure in this, Miss Forester did not close the doors of the church, but spoke herself, to the acceptability of the people. The Sabbath school and all Church activities have been as well maintained as possible. The new pastor was welcomed, and we hope for the deserved encouragement and help that should come to our missionary the coming year.

Schools.

Elsinore.—At Elsinore we have had the valuable services of Miss Grace Sloan and Miss Lilian Henschen, four and five years respectively. These have been years of noble endeavor to impress upon the minds of their pupils the highest ideals. Three pupils graduated from the eighth grade at the close of the year and are prepared for the high school. Upon this occasion a helpful address was given by Dr. G. M. Martin, the pastor at Manti. The certificates of graduation were presented by the Bureau Secretary. The music, under the skillful training of Miss Henschen, the kindergartner, was delightful and inspiring, as has been the music of this young band of singers for Church service and all public occasions for the two years just past. Miss Henschen does not continue in our work, and we wish for her in any new field eminent success and happiness.

The work of Mrs. Henschen's department will be assumed by Miss Leona Officer, of Emporia, Kan., a normal school graduate. Miss Sloan, at my urgent request, has consented to relieve Miss Applegate of her duties at Mt. Pleasant that she may have the needed rest of which I have spoken. Miss G. C. Ridge, of Lynbrook, Long Island, a teacher of valuable experience, will take the advanced work in the school.

Our school property, in which also Church services are held, has been thoroughly renovated, and electric lights will be introduced at once, both here and in the cottage, and thus Elsinore will be brought into line with our other school properties in this convenience, much to the delight of the teachers, who are church janitors as well. There is at this station, as is the case at all of our school stations, no Church organization, although service is held twice a month regularly by the pastor of the "circuit."

Moroni.—Our work in Moroni has been fortunate in the continued services in the advanced grades of Miss Jennie C. Nickelson, now Mrs. Ellis, and Miss Jeanette Baker in the kindergarten and primary department. Although Miss Baker has so charmed the little people that they complain that "there are not days enough in the week for them to come to school," she has consented to take the advanced work, and Miss Frances Crain, of Utica, Pa., will take the place of Miss Baker. There are some discouraging features in work in Moroni, yet no teacher or missionary ever stationed here has said, "Give it up—what's the use?" This true spirit prevails, here as elsewhere, in this field where difficulties are not lessened, but are less apparent to the casual observer. We are just as surely training the Christian Church of the future for these valleys, as it has been divinely said, "My word shall not return unto Me void."

Spring City.—Miss Irene Henschen and Miss Magda Johansen, who presided over the school in Spring City, closed the year with a larger number of pupils than either of the other schools. This should not be considered to the detriment of those in charge of the other schools. Conditions are different in the different localities. The region about Elsinore is considered one of the finest sugar-beet districts in the country, and "little fingers can thin out the beets best" as well as drop potatoes, so for both planting and harvest, few children able to do this work are in school. Some of the public schools close for three weeks at these times. While our own schools never have done this, they are at their best but a few months in the year, yet through them we secure an influence in the community which could scarcely be reached in any other way.

Miss Henschen has had the distinction of pupils neither tardy nor absent for months. She is one whom the "little god" snared, so we shall not have her in the school longer. She will have a worthy successor in Miss Harriet Calkins, of Toledo, Ohio, a kindergartner of training and experience. Miss Johansen continues in the advanced work. There is nothing much more desirable, other things being equal, than good staying qualities, and we have been favored in this.

We have not yet been able to establish our high scohols, as we had hoped. The people can scarcely see beyond the eighth grade. We are sure a broader vision and less prejudice will come to them in the interest of the children.

Our circulating library is a help and inspiration to teachers and pupils. New books are needed. Kindly send to any of the schools suitable books for children and young people, and they will be properly entered and gratefully received.

Our teachers faithfully continued the Bible reading and song service each Sunday evening. All special days of our Church are observed with appropriate exercises, and collections sent where designated. The Home Study Department is given marked attention and has a far-reaching influence.

This glimpse of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in this Bureau must give one unfamiliar with the field but a meager idea of the needs and opportunities presented. The Secretary has in mind some recommendations in reference to our work in Utah, but they are held in abeyance for the development of the Church Federation plan for this field under consideration by the representatives of different Church authorities. Keep it on your hearts, I pray you, dear friends, that this year's study of Mormonism may bring to us all an intenser appreciation of the righteous demand for this work, a broader vision of its

possibilities, and a deeper determination to grasp the present opportunity for strengthening our work along some of our special lines—industrial work and domestic science, as well as the purely evangelistic—sending our good women into the stations scripturally—by twos.

As the days go by there is much to encourage the observant and painstaking worker. No one will be attracted hither by "flowery beds of ease," but rather by the shibboleth that "the light is always shining in darkness, but the darkness comprehendeth it not," and that it is theirs to dispel the darkness by letting in the light—through the literature distributed; through the Scripture given away; through the 3,525 visits, other than purely social, by our deaconesses alone—and when to these we add those of our missionaries and teachers, the number is more than doubled; through their own consistent Christian living, all of which can but show their mission to be voicing the message of the Master, "I am the Light of the world."

MRS. BRADFORD S. POTTER, *Secretary.*

SPANISH WORK IN NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has good reason to rejoice in the growth and development of its work in connection with the Spanish Mission of the Southwest. It has been demonstrated through the girls of our schools that there are possibilities of better Christian life to be brought out through a clean, true, intelligent womanhood. Changing conditions everywhere in woman's world are being gradually recognized by our Mexican people. Fathers who come in touch with the world of progress are thinking more wisely for their daughters.

Harwood Industrial School, Albuquerque, N. M.

(Scholarship, $70.)

This school is accepted by educators in New Mexico as being one of the best institutions in the State. Harwood girls going to their homes are a sure testimony for the truths they are taught. Their lives speak of better thinking, as well as useful knowledge. Their children will be a higher grade in society. Only the enemies of religious truth, as found in the Bible, are criticising our teaching. This fact is comforting, for it tells its own story of results and better living among our girls. We are very much gratified in knowing that our first Mexican deaconess student is making good in her life at Kansas City Training School. She looks forward with pleasure to becoming one of our workers at the Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement House at El Paso, Texas, as soon as her course of study is completed.

Tucson Industrial School, Tucson, Ariz.

(Scholarship, $70.)

Our school at Tucson, being nearer the Mexican border, is hailed with gladness by many who live in troubled Mexico. Mothers come over the border bringing their children to a place of safety and privilege. The pupils who crowd our building to its limit could be duplicated by

the children who have to be refused. They bring boys and girls, and would gladly pay a part of their expenses, and be happy in knowing they were learning truth and usefulness. This is pitiful, and should be remedied at once. There should be another building on our Tucson block; and a boys' department in the suburbs should become a fact very soon. Our efforts thus far have shown to all who observe what can be done for these people.

Arizona, large and rich in minerals and possibilities, will soon be more thickly populated by these who come for peace to live in America. We need to give a welcome of useful training and teach them patriotism. They hold out pleading hands. Can we safely turn away? If we do, we are responsible for what might have been.

Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement House, El Paso, Texas.

El Paso, Texas, because of its easy access, is thronged with those who need the work we have promised so long. Our building is nearing completion. Already many rooms have been chosen by those who prefer to lay treasure in rescued lives for future reckoning, and soon it will be a hive of Christian activity. Better than memorials in stone or perishable materials are those that make possible rescued youth and lives that have been taught truth and honor, love of home and country. Dear friends, make haste to help this Christly work and have your share in its success. Miss Cora E. Blood, the Superintendent, will welcome you at our bulding on the corner of Fifth and Tay Streets, El Paso, Texas, just across from Alamo Park. If you can not go yourself, send a token to help make this a house of refuge and an attractive haven for those who will come to its shelter. Make it possible for at least one cup of cold water to be given in your name.

Mrs. Anna Kent, *Secretary.*

SPANISH WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Frances M. DePauw Industrial School, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Scholarship, $60.)

As time rolls on every year seems to call forth greater reason for thankfulness and confidence in God and His ever watchful care over the Frances DePauw Spanish Industrial School. In many respects the last year has been one of prosperity. The new building, which was started a year ago last August, has been completed. The good Lord seems to know just what we need, and the hospital ward was finished just before tonsilitis broke out among the pupils, threatening to become an epidemic, but watchful care on the part of the ever faithful Superintendent soon turned the tide and health was restored. We have been enabled to pay something more on the note of $1,000, the balance now due being $200. The school has been full—an average attendance of fifty-seven, although eighty have been enrolled during the year. We intend this year to try and care for sixty. As the duties of the past year for the Superintendent have been very strenuous and too much of a tax on her health, we decided

it was best to employ another teacher, who comes to us very highly recommended, who will lighten her labors and will be, we believe, a great addition to the already efficient corps of teachers. In the earlier years we were laying the foundations, now we are beginning to see results. Some of those who have gone from us are filling places of trust and responsibility. We are proud of our graduates. Several of them are going on with their studies in advanced schools. We have for the past two years had more young children enrolled than formerly, and as a result no graduates this year. I think the spiritual side of the work in the school should be emphasized. One evening of the week religious services are held with the pupils in the Spanish language. The daily Bible lessons that are given in the schoolrooms, the numerous passages of Scripture that are fastened on the memories of the little ones, which nothing can take from them in the coming years; the gathering around the table in the dining room, when preceding the meal the voices all join in a song of thanks, and above all, the quiet moments after the morning meal, when the Scripture lesson is read by the Superintendent, in English and Spanish, and the hearts of the children are, under her skillful guidance, led upward to their Maker—it makes such a beautiful opening for a busy day.

Now something about the needs of the school. There were fifty applications made this fall, with only fifteen vacancies. Already plans have been proposed for providing more room for pupils, but nothing can be done until the present debts are canceled; but it was with an aching heart the Superintendent has been obliged to say to the applicants, "There is no room in the inn." Street work has commenced, and before long we will be called upon to meet that demand. We do appreciate the generous way in which the Auxiliaries have given to this work for the Master, but the call is still pressing, and we must not slacken in our zeal, but may the spirit of sacrifice take hold of every one, till you—

"Give as you would if the Master
Awaited your gift at the door;
Give as you would if to-morrow
Would find you where giving was o'er.

"Give as you would to the Master
If you felt His searching look,
Give as you would of your substance
If *His* hand the offering took."

MRS. S. S. HOLMES, *Secretary.*

PORTO RICO.

When preparing our report for the year 1910-1911, we seemed to write under a pall of death and sorrow. This year we present our record without the shadow of death or the tear of sorrow. We have been, notwithstanding the plague, peculiarly free from illness, and no death has occurred. It is as though the clouds has disappeared and the sunshine again makes bright and beautiful our island work in the Southern Seas. We are realizing that our Father's ways are ways of pleasantness and His paths are paths of peace.

A new experience has come to us in that some of our older girls have gone from our care, either returning to the homes from whence they came or going into new surroundings, while one of them has married and we trust will make a Christian home. That they may prove true to all the good they have been taught, and strong enough to resist the evil they may encounter, is the prayer with which we follow them.

PROPERTY.—Our property has been much improved and many repairs made, under the oversight of Dr. Murray, since last December. All this has been done without help from the general treasury. During this year we shall erect a new cottage, to be named for the donor—the "Gertrude Orvis Cottage." In this building rooms may be named and furnished. We have some such pledges, and hope for many more.

FURNISHINGS.—Through the kindness of friends, new china and silver have been supplied for the teachers' table. The Jersey City District of the Newark Conference has added much of comfort and pleasure by their generosity. Much will be needed for furnishing the Orvis Cottage, and we must trust to the generosity of our Conferences to supply this need.

George O. Robinson Orphanage and Industrial Home for Girls, San Juan, Porto Rico.

(Scholarship, $40.)

On December 9, 1911, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Murray, Miss Murray, and Miss Nunez sailed from New York to engage in the Orphanage work—Dr. Murray as Superintendent, Mrs. Murray as Assistant Superintendent, Miss Murray as school teacher, and Miss Nunez as teacher of Domestic Science, have been most efficient in the service rendered. Since the opening of the school work this fall, Miss Murray has accepted a position in the Government Normal School at Rio Piedras. Miss Cornelia Holbrook has also accepted a position in the public schools. The vacancies have been filled by Miss Salsbury and Miss Pike, who have come into our service providentially, as we believe. On Saturday, October 12, 1912, Miss E. Mae Comfort and Miss Eloisa Rivera sailed for Porto Rico to take up the work, for which they had prepared at the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, in Washington, D. C. Miss Comfort will assist Mrs. Murray in the Orphanage, and Miss Rivera will be employed in the McKinley Kindergarten, in San Juan. Dr. Murray has been appointed General Superintendent of our Woman's Home Missionary Society work, both in the Orphanage and Day Schools. This is proving to be a most satisfactory arrangement for all concerned.

Day Schools.

MISS MAY OSMOND, *Director.*

(Scholarship, $15.)

As should be the case in all departments of our work, great improvement is manifested in the day schools. Miss Osmond has given herself unstintedly to this difficult task, and has personally visited and supervised each school. The enrollment has increased, and the standard of work has been raised to a higher degree of efficiency.

McKinley Kindergarten and Training School, San Juan, Porto Rico.

This is not only a kindergarten, but also a training school for native young women, from which in the past we have secured our native teachers. We plan to make this department even more effective in the future.

The enrollment has increased, and the average attendance of children has been good.

Miss Rosario still does splendid work in visiting the homes of our children and keeping in touch with the mothers.

McKinley Kindergarten Annex, Puerta de Tierra, Porto Rico.

This school is located in the plague district, and was closed because of this during the latter part of the school year. It has opened this year with a most encouraging outlook.

Fisk Kindergarten, Ponce, Porto Rico.

No more encouraging work is being done than in this school. We still look hopefully toward the time when we shall have a good building for a Settlement House, with facilities for such instruction as is greatly needed by women, girls, and boys. This is the banner school in enrollment and average daily attendance, as well as the average attendance of our children in the Spanish Methodist Episcopal Sunday school.

Williams Kindergarten, Arecibo, Porto Rico.

(Formerly in Vieques Island.)

As stated recently in *Woman's Home Missions,* we have been forced to move our Williams School, as indicated above. The isolation of Vieques and the real danger to native girls has made this necessary. A few Conferences have pledged each a month's support at $60 per month for an American teacher for Vieques, but not enough has been promised for twelve months. The school will be opened if we can secure adequate support.

In the meantime we have opened a kindergarten school in Arecibo, one of the best cities on the Island. For years we have been urged to establish work here, as it is a strategic point for Methodism. We have every reason to believe this will be a most helpful and successful enterprise. Whittier has written:

"I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air,"

but we must say,

We do know where these islands lift
Their fronded palms in air,

and we also know His "Kingdom must come" in the islands and there be established. Let us speed its coming.

INDIAN WORK IN KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

This work was placed in my charge last December, and early in the new year we visited the missions and found that many changes would have to be made in order to meet the demands and our opportunities.

Our Pottawatomie Day School, near Mayetta, Kan., has been discontinued because our Government has provided adequate schools. However, this point is being maintained as a mission. At the present time we are having services every Sunday, and hope soon to secure a missionary who will devote his entire time to these people, who are hungry for the gospel.

We found our Ponca Mission house in a very dilapidated condition. It must be repaired this year to protect our missionaries and, too, to be an example to the Indians.

There are about 900 Indians on the Ponca Reservation, and few of them have any knowledge of our Savior. They are a splendid type of our "Native Americans," and a great opportunity and obligation awaits us there.

We are happy to say that we have secured the Rev. and Mrs. Schlapbach, from the Kansas Conference, to go as missionaries to this field. They are sincere, consecrated young people, who have accepted this work as a call from their Master. They reached Whiteagle early in September, and at once took up their work. We hope and believe that in time they will build up a Christian social center that will be felt throughout the reservation.

These "Native Americans" are not easy to reach. It is necessary to study them—to know their habits and customs—that we may build from the known to the unknown: from ignorance, idolatry, and sin, to knowledge, love of God, and Christianity.

Our missionaries must have material with which to work out this transformation. The mission house must be repaired at once. Some furniture is needed. Books, magazines, and papers will be of great help.

We have asked for an increase in appropriation over last year to meet some of these needs, and we sincerely hope and request that this money may come in early, so that the work may go forward at once.

It will mean much to our country and God's Kingdom to bring these "Noble Red Men" to a knowledge of the Master.

MRS. S. S. BEGGS, *Chairman.*

INDIAN AND MEXICAN WORK.

Navajo Mission, Farmington, New Mexico.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Did it look discouraging, one year ago, when we told our story of the complete destruction of our Navajo Mission? Did we think that the labors of twenty-one years for the Navajo were lost and had suddenly come to an end? No, we could not feel that way. And when permission was given to rebuild, we at once began to collect funds, but not single-handed.

We had the support of old friends and many new ones, who, although they had pledged all that they thought they could raise, went home from the National Meeting in Wichita and made an extra effort to raise more and help us. And we want to thank all that have had any part in making it possible to be nearly ready to take our family in again at the close of our year.

In April, fifteen acres of land were purchased, and soon after work was commenced to make our brick and erect our first building. At the present time we have a two-story brick building, with a high basement. This will allow us to take in all of our old children and possibly a few new ones, who are asking to come.

Crowded it will be, for a time, but better than compelling our children to remain in their hogan homes another winter. Our accommodations will not be complete, our supplies may be scarce, but we have a willing corps of workers who are anxious to get the children in and are willing to put up with inconveniences until we can supply all needs.

Two workers have been employed all summer, Mr. Bero to attend to the building and outside work, and his wife to gather fruits for the winter and get clothing in readiness for the children.

We will need your help—all of our old friends, and many new ones—to finish the supplies and cash to finish our necessary buildings. Watch us grow! (Miss) Katherine H. Bassett, *Secretary.*

PACIFIC COAST INDIAN WORK.

Stickney Day School, Nooksack Indian Mission, Everson, Washington.

In writing of the work at Stickney Day School, Miss Rouls, the Superintendent, says: "I am trying to so train these Indian children that after while when they enter the public school they can in every way creditably measure up with the white children. They will need to grow up side by side with them in order to overcome their clannishness and inherited tendencies. I think that in our work among these people our ultimate aim should be to make them Christian American citizens, capable of taking their place and holding their own among their white neighbors under all conditions in life."

There has been good work done in the school by the children the past year. All departments show increased interest and advancement.

There has been more sickness and deaths at the mission during the year than ever before. Nine of the grown people have died, and ten children, bringing sadness and sorrow into many homes and into our school—taking away some of our most promising boys and girls. Miss Rouls and Mrs. Anderson, the field matron, have been kept very busy helping to relieve the sick and distressed and bring comfort to the sorrowing.

The new Indian church was dedicated October 20th, Rev. Anderson, the pastor, being assisted by Rev. Tate, the evangelist; a two-day meeting was held, which was most uplifting and helpful to these people.

One of the encouraging features of the work is that these Indians, as they understand better what Christianity means, realize that it is not right to live together without being legally married. So during the past

year three couples have been married by the pastor—one couple had lived together ten years; another, three years, and the other, just one month. They are slowly but surely learning the *right*, and then *doing* it.

We are planning for one of our large boys to attend the Government school at Carlisle next year.

Greenville Indian Mission, Greenville, Cal.

The work at the Mission has been carried on faithfully and conscientiously by our missionaries the past year. Their ministry of love and service to the sick and aged, their distribution of 460 garments to the needy and destitute have been much appreciated by these people. Rev. Armstrong and his wife believe in rendering unto the Lord that which belongs to Him in money as well as in service. They have turned back into the Missionary Society every year the tithe of all their salary, besides their gifts and offerings. This year it was $100. Brother Armstrong, too, furnished and cut all the wood to heat the chapel, and donated the oil to light it.

We seldom find such devoted and loyal workers as these, and we are sorry that they have found it necessary to sever their relation with the Mission, but on account of needing better high school privileges for their daughter, they have moved to Loyalton and taken charge of the Church there.

Mrs. Armstrong says in a recent letter: "I am busy getting a blind boy ready to go to the school for the blind at Oakland; we have to take a collection for his fare, furnish his clothing, and the school does the rest, giving him an industrial training."

In writing of their going away from the Mission, she says: "It is harder to leave our Indians than we ever thought it could be. I look back at the time when I first came among them and think how they would n't talk or look at me, and then how recently I went to a camp driving a new horse which they could not recognize and they all scattered and hid out; bye and bye they came back, and I said, 'Hattie, what made you run?' and she looked at me in shy confusion and said, 'I thought you was "white lady,"' so you see I had become a member of the tribe by adoption; they no longer looked on me as 'white lady.'"

They had won their confidence and love by their devotion to the work, and the people did not want them to leave. The spiritual welfare of the young people in the Sunday school and Church has been faithfully looked after.

The new missionary and his wife will need your loyal support, your sympathy, and your prayers; also plenty of barrels of good, warm clothing, that they may continue the service of love and helpfulness to these poor people. Mrs. J. A. Johnson, *Secretary.*

Yuma Indian Mission, Yuma, Arizona.

Rev. Crouch, writing of the work, says: "The year's work just closing on Fort Yuma Reservation has been fraught with a variety of experiences; the awful poverty and sickness of the people has not changed much for the better. Each Indian was allotted ten acres of land, but only about eight families have been furnished with water by the Government, and so far as I know, the Government does not promise when the water will be supplied to these Indians. The ditches have not yet been made. The Indians have waited five years patiently for our Government to furnish them water.

"Now that the Government is nearly through building the great canals which are to take the water to the Arizona side of the river, the Indians will be worse off than ever, for nearly all of the able-bodied men worked on those canals. When that work is completed these men will be forced into idleness. If the Government had kept its promises and put the water in ditches to each ten acres of land, these men, who have been employed on the canal works referred to, could and would go to farming their land. What they are to do for food, I do not know. I hope the Government will soon supply them with water.

"During the year we have given these destitute people one thousand garments, ninety blankets and quilts. We have never turned a hungry Indian away without food. Some of the very old people come to us regularly for their beans, flour, sugar, and coffee. I have told them not to go hungry, but to come to me and I would supply them with food.

"These people are not beggars; only dire necessity drives them to ask for food. They have always been self-supporting; only about forty of them now are drawing rations from the Government. There should be one hundred of the old people, at least, on the ration list.

"Our Christmas feast and tree was the greatest of the three that we have given these people. The feast consisted of hot coffee, with plenty of sugar, and bread and doughnuts. All of the several hundred had all that they could eat.

"On the tree we had a doll for each girl (one hundred) and a toy for each boy (one hundred), and a bag of candy and nuts for every child. They were certainly a happy lot of children that day.

"The great hindrance to the progress of these Indians is the medicine men. During the year four medicine men have come to me for medicine for themselves or for their families. We must have a hospital, if we do our whole duty by these people. I have made five hundred medical calls, and in the winter we have from ten to twenty-five calls for medicine per day at the dispensary. Our five new sewing machines are in almost constant use by the women.

"Marie, Mrs. Crouch's Indian girl helper, is an excellent seamstress. She is a great help in the sewing room—cuts and fits the dresses for the women who need her help in that respect.

"Owing to the severe persecution of those who attend our Church, the attendance has not been as large as it was last year, but the services have been more spiritual. Those who are brave enough to stand the persecutions are in earnest and want to hear the gospel—as evidence of this, seven adults have given their hearts to God and have been baptized and joined the Church. Blind Joe, my interpreter, is one of them, and Marie, Mrs. Crouch's helper, is another.

"Fourteen of our Sunday-school children, who are Government school children, have yielded their hearts to God and have been baptised, and are now probationers in the Church. The persecution extended even to the children, who attended the Government school. A Methodist and a Catholic child violate the same rule, the Methodist child is punished and the Catholic goes "scot free." January 11th, last, one of our eleven-year-old Methodist boys, Glenn Carr, answered "Yep" in the roll call at the Government school. For this offense the superintendent ordered his shirts taken off and two Indian policemen to whip him on the naked body with a four-thong leather strap, with knots tied in the thongs nearly as large as a man's thumb. When they ceased whipping him his body was blood from the roots of his hair to his waist. The blood was oozing from 75 lacerations. I reported this brutality to the Indian Department and the superintendent was ordered reduced to a clerkship and transferred from

the Yuma Reservation April 16th last, but it was five months before she was really transferred and during that time she made things more unpleasant than ever.

"We now have a new superintendent at the Government school. He seems to be a perfect gentleman and, while conservative, will be fair in all his dealings. A good many of the Indians that were influenced to stay away from the mission by the former superintendent are all back again attending the services. The new doctor for the Reservation is very kind; he and I work together nicely. The Indians were never as friendly to us as now, and the prospects for our work were never as bright before. We feel wonderfully encouraged and thank the Lord for His blessings that have attended the work during all the year."

CHINESE WORK.

Oriental Home, 940 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal.

(Scholarships in Home, $70; in Kindergarten, $15.)

Another bead in the rosary of life has slipped through the fingers of Time. For the Chinese Bureau it has carried a hymn of praise as well as a prayer.

Hopes long deferred have come to pass; an "argosy of dreams" has come into port—the Oriental Home, so long a thing of hopes and dreams and plans, has become a reality. It is finished, furnished, and dedicated; we wish we might say, paid for, but the amount of unpledged indebtedness does not exceed $3,000 and will not long be a burden.

Dedication day, January 27, 1912, brought to us a crowd of friends to rejoice with us in the realization of our hopes.

Bishop E. H. Hughes and the Methodist clergy of the cities about the bay were present and took part in the exercise.

Mrs. E. C. Gibson, who with her husband first opened the work, was with us and spoke of some of the difficulties and experiences of the early days of the mission.

Mrs. L. P. Williams, the first Bureau Secretary, made a short but interesting address, as did Mrs. F. D. Bovard, who followed Mrs. Williams as Bureau Secretary, and her successor, Mrs. J. E. Piatt.

Greetings were read from the President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. George O. Robinson. Mrs. Anna Kent, who was fortunately present, spoke for the National Society.

The dedicatory address was made by Bishop Hughes, who paid a glowing tribute to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, that had made possible the erection of such a building, and that always stands for the uplift of humanity, no matter of what race.

Dr. W. C. Evans, who presided, carried out very successfully the plan for securing pledges. Miss Davis, the Superintendent of the Home, at the close of her speech introduced an exercise by the children that very happily started the pledge-making. Beginning with the tiniest ones in the Home that could walk, each child brought her gift and laid it on the table; the little ones giving the pennies and nickels that had been given them by visitors and friends, the older ones the small sums they had earned.

The largest amounts were given by girls who have become self-supporting. A little over four hundred dollars was thus given by the girls.

The audience, catching the spirit of enthusiasm, responded in like spirit and rapidly pledged $4,000.

It was a day that will be marked in the calendar of the Chinese Bureau for all time. The new building has brought larger opportunities. An increased number of girls and women have come into the Home during the year; some because their parents desire to have them well trained, others, who have been orphaned, have been given into our charge. A young lady from one of the mission schools in Shanghai has come to this country for special work and is staying in the Home while she takes training as a kindergartner.

A woman who had exacted a promise from her husband when they were married in China that she be allowed to attend school in America, is now having the promise redeemed. She has come into the Home, and with her three children is partaking of its life as well as its educational advantages.

About 10 o'clock one night in early summer the doorbell rang, and when Miss Davis responded she found there an elderly Chinese woman with a newborn babe. A story—evidently untrue, but concocted for the occasion—was told by the woman, who besought the care and protection of the Home for the child. The parentage of the child will probably never be known, but the wee dimpled one is ours and has found its place in the heart's love of the entire household. Little Ah Lan, who was secured in New York and brought across the country to be placed in the Home, is happy in the new experience of school and Home.

Several rescues have been made; one case has been turned back to the people who pose as her parents. Others have not yet been settled in court, but are likely to be given to us. Some Government cases have also been placed in the Home under our protection.

Miss Davis, the Superintendent of the Home, has had a strenuous year. Moving into the new building and getting the household machinery to running smoothly was quite an undertaking. Added to that, there have been many outside matters to claim time and strength. She will probably take a much-needed rest soon.

Our schools are doing excellent work and are well attended. Besides our own children a large number from the outside have been attracted to them.

We have now in San Francisco two grade schools: one under Miss Mabel Lamb, and the other taught by our own Caroline Lee. We have a kindergarten that brings a large number of childreen from heathen homes into it. These children have religious instruction as well, and are eager to learn the Scripture verses and the songs. We also have two grades in the school for the Chinese language, taught by Mrs. Chow Lok Shang.

The children are making good progress in the study of their own language, which is difficult even to those born to the tongue.

Our teacher of music, Miss Harriet Fish, is giving to our girls most excellent training on the piano and the voice.

Their popularity as singers in Church entertainments is largely due to their good training. Some of our girls who are doing special work are making fine records. Josephine Chow, who graduated from the high school last May, has begun her college work in preparation for the study of medicine. Ah Sue continues her art work in the Arts and Crafts School, winning generous praise from her teachers. Lu Sun is taking kindergarten training and promises to be very successful.

In Sacramento, Mrs. Chow (one of our Home girls), continues her very successful kindergarten. We are about to open a school for the study of Chinese in Sacramento with Mr. and Mrs. Chou as teachers. A

teacher is expected soon from China who will establish a school in Los Angeles.

Our missionaries are faithful and true in their work, and no workers have larger opportunities than they.

Mrs. Hussey, who has for many years been a friend of the Chinese women, has been very successful the past year in her influence over them. She makes many calls and has seen fruit of her efforts. Mrs. Chow, who adds to her school work that of missionary in Sacramento, has also had an unusually good year.

She has prepared ten children and four women for baptism. We have missionaries in Watsonville and Los Angeles who carry on this same helpful work. A missionary will soon be placed in Stockton and a new work opened where it is greatly needed.

We are very happy to have our girls affiliated with the Chinese people in church and Sunday school and Epworth League. They have gone actively into all departments of Church work and are not only gaining spiritual strength, but are proving themselves a help to the Church.

Thus the work goes on. We are giving the girls the best preparation we can for life, always keeping before them the thought that it is only when the life is hid with Christ that the truest success is found. Nothing enlarges the heart and the vision as a true knowledge of Christ and our relation to humanity.

When we learn from Him that it is not getting, but giving; that in service the heart finds its deepest joy; "then the door is open and we may go out and find pasture." MRS. J. E. PIATT, *Bureau Secretary.*

JAPANESE AND KOREAN WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST AND IN HAWAII.

"And he gathers the prayers as he stands, and they change into flowers in his hands—into garlands of purple and red; and beneath the great arch of the portal, through the streets of the City Immortal, is wafted the fragrance they shed."

This old Talmudic legend of Sandalphon, the angel of prayer, standing at the gate of the City Celestial, told in Longfellow's beautiful poem, pictures the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society as it takes the lives of those who know not the Christ life and through its influence transforms them into the image of the lowly Nazarene, the Prince of Peace.

We see this exemplified in the Homes of the Japanese and Korean Bureau. As I visited the Susannah Wesley Home in Honolulu this spring, and sat with the family of thirty-two girls in their prayer circle every evening and heard the petitions which arose from that circle of girls, whose daily lives showed they were true followers of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me," I realized more than ever the great work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It was my pleasure to take with me the new Superintendent of the Susannah Wesley Home, Miss Mabel G. Anderson, who has so successfully carried on the work in Los Angeles since its beginning eight years ago, having mastered the Japanese language enough to carry on a conversation. Miss Anderson is well adapted to take up the work on the Islands. A local board has been formed, with Mrs. Oliver Walker as chairman and Mrs. C. F. Force, formerly on the Watts de Peyster Board, as Treasurer. We

look forward with bright anticipation for great success along all lines for Susannah Wesley Home.

The work in Los Angeles is most encouraging. During the year fourteen women and six children have been cared for in the Jane Couch Memorial Home. Mrs. E. H. Baird, one of the local board ladies, generously took up the burden Miss Anderson laid down, and as new Superintendent her heart and soul is in the work. During the recent camp meeting held at Huntington Beach one member of her family has been happily converted, has been baptised and united with the Church. Good work has been done in reconciling a husband and wife who were separated, and another nursed back to health and happiness.

Morning worship in the Home is conducted in English, and in the evening in the Japanese language, Rev. Mr. Kawashima, the Methodist pastor, kindly assisting in this. A need is felt for a day nursery and kindergarten in the downtown district, and an effort is being made to supply this need.

May I urge an interest in our Auxiliaries for this work, and while Southern California is aiding so much in the general work, may not more sympathy and financial help be given to this branch of the work, so that it may enlarge its borders and successfully carry out this plan of day nursery and kindergarten which is so greatly needed?

The Ellen Stark Ford family on Pine Street in San Francisco still continues to grow, and is a model family in every particular, numbering forty-two girls from the age of eight months to twenty years. Many of our Eastern ladies have visited this Home, and all speak the same words of praise that we hear from the teachers in the grammar schools where the girls attend. Mrs. H. E. Lincoln, the new Superintendent, is a consecrated worker of wide experience, having been a deaconess for a number of years, and her latter work, that among the soldiers at the Presidio. Mrs. Lincoln has the confidence of her family, and her interest in the girls is that of a mother. She has associated with her Miss Lena Anderson, a consecrated worker and who for many years was an adjutant in the Salvation Army. She is a real mother and a capable, practical nurse over the children of the Home.

Miss Rockwood still has her large kindergarten class in the Home, and a school for the study of the Korean language is taught in the Home by Miss Whang, as well as a school for the Japanese language, taught by Mrs. Taniguchi.

The first day of June found the work in the Catherine J. Blaine Home in Seattle just one year old, and as we look over the past twelve months it is wonderful what the ladies have accomplished. Coming into possession of the property purchased the April previous, $1,000 having been paid by the Seattle ladies, according to promise, the General Woman's Home Missionary Society added another $1,000, making $2,000 for the first payment. With an eight-roomed house with finished attic and basement needing cleaning and furnishing, and no money in the treasury, meant courage and hard work, which the Seattle ladies showed they possessed. Having no money to hire the work done, they rolled up their sleeves and went to work with scrub-brush and broom—truly practical missionary work. Willing hands soon had the Home clean and inviting, with fresh, cheery wall paper hung by the ladies of the local board. But where was the furniture?—for a family of young Japanese working women were waiting to enter.

The homes of the local board ladies were ransacked; a chair here and a bed there, and dishes from another, and then a campaign of soliciting was begun, and soon the Home was comfortably furnished, as the

President, Mrs. Greene, writes, that "Looking over the past year, she sees truly that God's hand has been in it." More than twenty girls, who are employed in the city stores and factories, have made it their home, and many more have found it a haven of rest for a shorter or longer period. A kindergarten has been opened, with seventeen little tots, and many more have had to be turned away because there was no means to buy tables and chairs for them. There was a great need for a Bible woman. The Michigan Conference generously contributed from their Mite-box fund the $300 for the salary for one year, and the Ellen Stark Ford Home at San Francisco loaned $100 to bring her from Japan. Dr. H. B. Johnson going over, he was asked to find a suitable Bible woman, and he secured one of Japan's choicest in Miss Kusama. Miss Spencer was loath to part with her, and not until Dr. Johnson had made the second visit and exerted his greatest persuasive powers would she consent to her coming. Miss Kusama is doing good work and is greatly beloved by both her own people and the Americans. Since her arrival the Japanese government has sent her brother-in-law to America to study relief work methods. When she arrived a reception was given for her in the Home, which was attended by the prominent Japanese of Seattle, the consul and his wife among the number, and when they reached the kindergarten so interested were they in this branch of the work that it was difficult to get them further. On leaving the consul said he had had but ten minutes to stay, as he had an important meeting elsewhere, and yet his auto had been at the door three-quarters of an hour. This shows the interest taken in the Home by the Japanese community. The family has but one child, a little girl of nine years, Yie. She is a great pet with the older members of the household; her scholarship is furnished by the Seattle District Epworth League.

We believe that this work gives promise of great usefulness in this part of the Master's vineyard. As we review the work of this Bureau for the past year, and realize what has been accomplished, who shall say that God's hand is not in it? And, with an earnest desire to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, our motto for the coming year shall be, "Where He leads me I will follow."

Mrs. C. B. Perkins, *Secretary.*

ALASKA.

Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska.

(Scholarship, $60.)

The past year has been a prosperous one. The thirty-four children cared for have enjoyed good health; no serious illness and no deaths.

The general health of the villages has been unusually good, due, perhaps, in a measure to the fact that snow fell early in the fall and stayed all winter.

The teachers are very efficient and very congenial. Dr. and Mrs. Newhall have the faculty of attaching people unto them and bringing the best there is in them to the front.

The white people in the village have been exceedingly gracious toward our work during the year, and special mention must be made of the kindness of Mrs. A. C. Goss, a talented musician, who has given sys-

tematic instruction in music and fancy work. Through her endeavors and the untiring zeal of teachers and children $250 worth of work has been sold, in addition to a fine exhibit for the annual meeting at Des Moines. I would like to tell all our women of the work done by these children and teachers; how from their meager salaries they have given money to cover the chapel rostrum, new shades, and rugs for rooms, and many other personal sacrifices made by them.

The installation of a new gasoline pumping apparatus for the mission plant this year, we hope, will do away with one of the many trials during the winter months. The money made by a fancy work sale was used in part to put up the engine and do the plumbing.

Religious services are held each Sunday afternoon, a Sunday school for the children in the morning, and the mid-week prayer service. The children are taught about the love and saving power of the heavenly Father and His willingness to save all. They are taught how to live pure lives, and a goodly per cent of the children who have passed through the Home are living good lives and many are good Christians, and no one knows better than our workers do the discouragements there are in this work and the great temptations these children have to undergo. These children want to do right, and receive instructions and teachings that they will never forget. William C. Bayliss, the young Eskimo boy from Jesse Lee Home, is doing splendidly at the Cushman Trades School at Tacoma, and worked steadily all summer and was well liked indeed by his employers. He is a happy, clean, industrious Christian lad, and well may our good women be proud to see the results of their work in him.

Our Hospital continues to be a blessing, and practically all the work among the natives is gratuitous. Early they may be seen wending their way to the dispensary for medicines or help. Often the Home has to minister to the "stranger within our gates," the sick and afflicted, far from home and friends. Men, officers, and sailors from revenue cutters sometimes need special attention. The ship's surgeons appreciate the courtesy of Jesse Lee Home in opening the Hospital room for their use. Men from whaling stations on other islands bring their sick. One man with acute appendicitis, another with a fractured forearm, etc.; one poor soul passed to his long home while at the Hospital, asked prayers, and commended his soul to the mercy of God, Dr. Newhall says, and they gave him Christian burial on the hill and our boys made him a coffin. A letter of sympathy was sent to the wife and children in the homeland. Had he not been brought to the mission he would have received little care and been buried at sea. This is not an isolated case, but has been repeated many times in the history of Jesse Lee Home. Among other conditions and diseases treated during the year may be mentioned over a hundred different ailments, from tuberculosis and epilepsy to broken bones.

There are many discouragements in mission work in Alaska. The forces of evil are mighty, but the greater the moral darkness the greater the need of gospel light. As Dr. Newhall says: "Alaska is a frontier country with all the good and evil influences found in such places. At first the rougher element predominates, but with the increase of population the influence of good people and Christianity is felt." We do not expect to do great things, but we are trying to work for the Master, to care for the orphan and to minister to the afflicted ones, to care for the dying, to lend a hand wherever needed—"Just to do what our hands find to do." Our faith and trust is in God, and we know His blessing has been on the work. The chains of missions established all through Alaska is helping to elevate the people and raise the standard of morals and living,

and Jesse Lee Home has a part in the development of this great country. It is a foundation work, building for the future.

For all that is best in this work, dear workers, you can thank Dr. and Mrs. Newhall and their dear co-workers. They are a loyal band of Home Mission workers, and the Bureau Secretary has striven to aid them as best she could, and thanks all the good women who have especially been generous to this part of our great Society's work for aid and sympathy and generous donations both in cash and boxes.

The special needs of the Home at present are as follows: Some red table-cloth material; good, stout underwear for boys and girls; suits for boys, all sizes; good blue denim; galatea cloth; two good 12-gauge shot-guns for water-fowl shooting; heavy stockings for boys. A new kitchen range and copper water tank is not only needed, but a necessity. Will someone help us to get this range and tank in time to send it in free of freight charges on the revenue cutters in the month of April?

How to Send Boxes and Barrels to Jessie Lee Home.

A good time to begin to pack boxes and barrels is right away after Christmas, so they may be ready to send by freight to Seattle and reach there by April 1st, and not later than April 10th. Prepay freight to Seattle, as this time is the only opportunity to send boxes to the Home free on the revenue cutters, which sail about April 15th.

Address your boxes thus:

For Jesse Lee Home.
To go on Revenue Cutters,
Care of Seattle Hardware Co., Seattle, Wash.

Do not put any other address on your boxes. For letters and information address Mrs. J. H. Parsons, 3507 Sixth Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

Thanking all our good women for past favors to this work and hoping for a share in the coming year.

Yours for our work,
Mrs. J. H. Parsons, *Secretary.*

Sinuk.

(Scholarship, $60.)

In the far North, as well as in sunny climes, the Woman's Home Missionary Society is trying to better the conditions of life for our unfortunate brothers and sisters and to lead them to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

At Sinuk, on the shores of Bering Sea, Dr. Nellie M. Cramer and Miss Inez V. Walthall have taken up the work so faithfully carried on for three years by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, who are now taking a much-needed furlough. Dr. Cramer and Miss Walthall are graduates of Kansas City Training School, and are well equipped for the work to which each felt a special call and, like Paul, were not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

Seventeen children were in Hilah Seward Home last year. Eskimos have a distinct individuality, and different methods must be used to help them from those used in our work for Mexicans, negroes, Chinese, and other peoples. We are still studying and learning. We do not want to educate the children away from the life they will have to live; hence, when old enough they are allowed to join hunting and fishing expeditions in the summer. Our aim is to make them self-respecting, useful Christian Eskimos, not Americans.

During the past year Mr. Baldwin added to the comfort and convenience of the Home by building a wood and store-house and a laundry. Dr. Cramer initiated her administration by building a dog-house, the logs and other material being donated by Sinrock Charlie, the road-house keeper.

The Eskimos at Sinuk are sharing in the benefits derived from the reindeer industry. Latest reports indicate that there are now about 40,000 reindeer in Alaska, two-thirds of them belonging to natives. In the Sinuk herd are 341 deer, more than half of them being owned by our apprentices and other natives. With the help received from the reindeer and our missionary boat, the "New Jersey," mothers will no longer have to feed their starving babes on little strips of dried sealskin, as Mr. Baldwin has seen them do. The "New Jersey" is one of our greatest assets. On one trip the past summer, twenty walruses, averaging about 1,000 pounds each, were secured. Mr. Baldwin salted down a barrelful of the meat and buried some for dog feed. The natives dried quantities and buried more for their dogs. Miners and others are glad to hire the "New Jersey" to transport them and their supplies from Nome to their destinations. The mission receives a small income for the use of the boat, one of our aims being to avoid anything that would tend to pauperize the Eskimos. We teach them to pay or work for what they get.

The Sunday school and other religious services are still well attended, and during the year Mr. Baldwin organized a probationers' class. The difficulties met in training them to be staunch and true Christians are greatly increased by the proximity of the mission to Nome.

Needs: Anything needed by children, including pictures and picture books; second-hand clothing for the natives is paid for by them in hauling wood or other work. Fresh magazines and books for the workers will be most acceptable.

NOTE.—In order to save freight charges from San Francisco, all boxes and barrels must be in that city by April 1st, freight charges prepaid. Address Dr. Nellie M. Cramer, Sinuk Mission, Nome, Alaska, care of Purchasing Officer, Revenue Cutter Service, Appraiser's Building, San Francisco, Calif., and please remember to put your name and address on the outside of the box as well as inside.

Nome.

In a large family, even of good people, sometimes a new baby is not very welcome. Nevertheless the little one is cared for and not allowed to starve, and sometimes the unwelcome one becomes the most beloved. The Woman's Home Missionary Society had a large family when Nome, her northern baby, begged to be admitted. At first it was not very cordially welcomed, but is growing in favor. The Lord gave it to us and expects us to nourish and develop it. The pioneer work done by Miss Harriet L. Barnett during the past year has demonstrated the need of the mission, especially in protecting and rescuing the much-abused native girls. There is no other Protestant mission for Eskimos in Nome, of whom there are about 1,000 in summer and more than half as many in winter.

Dr. John Parsons, Superintendent of Methodist Missions in Alaska, says that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has taken up no more important work than that in Nome, which is the Mecca for all the Eskimos living north of that city. We are very thankful that Dr. Parsons has decided to spend the winter in Nome. His experience, wisdom, and sympathy with our work will make his advice invaluable. Already he

urges that we do something worth while for the Eskimos in Nome—that we erect or buy a good building for headquarters. We must have a chapel, a social hall, and reading room, a gymnasium, and living rooms for our workers. We want to have our mission a social as well as a religious center, where all will feel welcome. The only social center they have now is the saloon. The Eskimos among whom we work live on the Sand Spit on the eastern side of Nome, and our building must be in that neighborhood. As a building can not be moved across the river except in winter, we are anxious to secure the necessary funds at once. If we wait another year our opportunity will probably have slipped away. The Roman Catholics in Nome are very aggressive. They got ahead of us with the King Islanders. Shall we let them do so in Nome? Not if we meet the responsibility thrust upon us. Experience has taught us that if we do our part and let God's people know of the needs and opportunities in our work, He will put it into their hearts to supply them. In this faith we go forward.

Needs at Nome: Furnishings for workers' rooms, for the social hall and chapel; one or two substantial rugs are much needed; hymn books, books for young people, games, and anything that will help to make this mission what it ought to be. Address Miss Harriet L. Barnett, Nome, Alaska, care of Purchasing Officer, Revenue Cutter Service, Appraiser's Building, San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. R. H. Young, *Secretary.*

IMMIGRANT WORK.

The report of the Commissioner of Immigration shows a marked decline in the number coming to our shores. The statistics for the year ending June 30, 1912, show a total of 838,172, which was about 40,000 less than in 1911 and 200,000 less than in 1910. It is significant to note that of the number entering last year, Italy furnished 153,838, the Polish race 85,163, and the Hebrew 80,595. During the past six years 80,000 Mexicans have been admitted. These odd races make the task of Christianizing and Americanizing more and more difficult.

The work of our Society is to meet these strangers at our ports, give them a helping hand with a Christlike spirit, and launch them in this new and strange environment as becomes a Christian people.

We are told by those who have become citizens of this country that so much depends upon first impressions. The future citizen is made or marred by the treatment he receives as he comes among us for the first time.

When the large proportion of immigrants came from the Teutonic races they were more of like mind with us. Now the non-Christian races, the Mahometan and other Oriental races, with the many Mexicans, make our responsibility graver and strenuous effort much more necessary.

Immigrants' Home.

72 Marginal Street, East Boston, Mass.

The new Home is built and dedicated. On September 26th, Bishop Luther B. Wilson gave the building to the service of God. It is a fine structure of brick and granite, surmounted with a cross. It has five stories, with accommodations for some eighty beds.

On top of the building, beside the cross, float the "Stars and Stripes." It cost about $30,000, and was dedicated practically *free of debt.* Thanks to the good God and to all who helped make this possible.

Miss Hattie B. Cooper deserves highest praise, together with others who made this accomplishment possible.

Mrs. Amanda C. Clark has been with this Home through all the twenty-three years of its history. To her untiring energy, her loving sympathy toward the immigrant, her Christian zeal for the Master, is due the wonderful success of this enterprise in its practical demonstration.

Immigrant Girls' Home.

9 State Street, New York City.

The work at this Home goes steadily on, as it has for twenty-three years. The death of Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, mother of the Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, came as a great loss. Mrs. Fisk has ever been a great friend and gracious benefactor to the work.

At the time of the Titanic disaster the Woman's Relief Committee telephoned the Home for accommodations for the steerage passengers on board the Carpathia. A cordial response was given. Some friends were accommodated who came to search for loved ones who had sailed on the ill-fated vessel.

By the generosity of a number of friends, through Mrs. Park, Miss Alma Matthews had the great pleasure of a trip to England. It had been her desire for years, and she was greatly delighted. It was a beautiful way to recognize her nearly twenty-five years of service.

Philadelphia.

The work at this port is largely on the increase; some have averred that this city stands second in the number of arrivals.

We have made one large advance during the year. The old detention house, which was a disgrace to our civilization, has gone forever. New and commodious quarters have been opened at the new station, Gloucester, N. J. We could not say much in regard to existing conditions, as there seemed to be no remedy, but rejoice that they are past.

Miss Amanda Ford, our deaconess worker, is indefatigable, working beyond her strength. She seems especially adapted to this work and is blessed in it.

Philadelphia Deaconess Home.

From June 30, 1911, to June 30, 1912.

Number of ships met (incoming 83, outgoing 74)	157
Number of Passengers met	25,275
Number of Nationalities	41
Number of visits to the Station	413
Number of visits to the Hospital	172
Number of persons visited	1,310
Number of business calls	778
Number of Bibles or parts distributed	34,942
Number of papers distributed	1,772
Number of books and booklets distributed	184
Number of cards and tracts distributed	3,485
Number of toys, dolls, and games distributed	486

Number of times food secured and given	3,917
Number of garments given	305
Number of families aided	2,236
Number of individuals helped	3,921
Number of situations secured	7
Number of hours in immigrant work	2,379
Cash received for immigrant work	$10 00
Cash expended for immigrant work	$88 37

San Francisco, Angel Island, Cal.

For the first half of the year Miss Isabelle Pierson carried on the work at this port. Her efforts were very creditable and she gained favor with all at the Station.

Feeling called to another line of our work, she resigned her position. Miss Katherine Maurer, a graduate of the San Francisco Training School, was appointed to the work in May. The chairman writes of her: "She has taken up the work enthusiastically, and in such a way that the residents at the Station show their delight when she appears. She has ingratiated herself in the eyes of the various consuls on account of the benefit she has conferred on the people of the different nationalities. She is untiring and unwavering if she thinks there is a possibility of helping any in the name of the Master."

Report of the Work among the Immigrants and "White Slaves" on Angel Island.

From January 18, 1911, to January 1, 1912.

Calls made in the interest of the work:	
(*a*) On people who have been allowed to land	41
(*b*) Business	33
Number of postals and letters written	103
Number of papers and tracts distributed	2,210
Number of copies of the Scriptures distributed	1,615
Number of persons given material aid	7
Amount expended	$21 00
Number of bouquets of flowers distributed	96
Number of times visited Oakland Jail	16
Articles written on the work	2
Meetings addressed on the work	34

More than 70 people held in detention were given a Christmas treat. Forty-seven girls, immigrants, or "white slaves" have been helped in various ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Isabel Pierson.

(In a general way I meet hundreds of women and girls, and am able to show them kindnesses. The 47 are girls whom I aided in a definite way; have secured aid for destitute girls who were deported; have found employment and friends for girls who were allowed to land, and have been happy in helping "white slave" women into a better moral life. Many of the women I meet are Orientals, and one can not aid them exactly as one can the European girls; but now and then they need our aid, and are very grateful for every kindness shown them.)

Immigrants' Home, East Boston, Mass.

From June 30, 1911, to June 30, 1912.

Steamers and trains met	96
Lodgings furnished	2,826
Meals served	9,231
Women	212
Children	16
Men	137
Catholics	45
Protestants	320
Tracts and papers distributed	1,236
Situations secured	3
Letters and postals written	454
Telegrams and telephones sent	572
Garments distributed	1,236
Girls sent to friends	63
Times represented the work	81
Helped on the piers	1,471
Stayed in Home without lodging	444

Nationalities.

Austrian	7	Lithuanian	2
Danish	4	Norwegian	25
English	47	Polish	9
Finnish	53	Russian	4
German	7	Swedish	181
Irish	26		

Total in 11 nationalities, 365.

Annex in Charlestown.

Men	175
Women	68
Children	57
Lodgings	647
Meals served	1,955

For year ending June 30, 1912.

New York Immigrant Girls' Home.

For the year ending June 30, 1912.

Number of ships met	984
Number cared for in the Home	731
Number of new arrivals taken in	231
Number of meals served	17,137
Number of lodgings furnished women	6,115
Number of girls sent to friends	115
Number of situations secured	129
Number of letters written to friends of the girls	1,670
Number of telegrams sent	53
Number of nationalities	13

Emma Michel, *Superintendent.*

CITY WORK.

Elizabeth E. Marcy Home, 1335 Newberry Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Twenty-six years ago Marcy Home was dedicated to the Master's service in a district literally teeming with families, folks, flies, filth, and fevers. Residing in the Home are 11 workers, including the matron, cook, and janitor. Non-resident, 28. Departments of work are the Sunday school, dispensary, classes in music, sewing, and millinery, educational classes, and various clubs for girls and boys.

The attendance has been above that of last year; in all about 10,000 have had some part in the various activities.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 visits have been made. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were given a number of families; over 4,000 garments were given, and 37 Gospels of Matthew in Yiddish.

There were a number of social affairs during the year, but the real event was the Christmas festival, which lasted a week and was immensely enjoyed. The donations of money, toys, dolls, candy, etc., was exceedingly generous.

Numerous outings have been given. The summer kindergarten was very successful, 25 being enrolled. This is a scene in the dispensary, which is open every afternoon except Friday and Sunday. The waiting-room is crowded—mothers, babies, and older children; the doctor, nurse, and interne busy in the clinic, another looking after the records, etc. Patients are still waiting often at six o'clock, and the doctor, flushed and weary, is compelled to lock the doors. We believe that our dispensary is our one great opportunity for getting close to these neighbors of ours and helping them, not only physically, but spiritually as well.

Our physicians must indeed be consecrated, for they are unsalaried, though they are the best there is, and if you will refer to our description of the field you will understand that their work is not very desirable from an esthetic standpoint. All our workers are of this type; that is why they are there.

Our capable, enthusiastic Superintendent failed in health and early in the summer resigned. This has meant, of course, that we have had to readjust things somewhat, but we are progressing and looking for the biggest Superintendent to be had for the biggest job there is.

Rock River Missions.

LADD AND SPRING VALLEY.

This work among the miners is a challenge to our faith and courage because of its immensity, but our Woman's Home Missionary Society has two missionaries who have made 3,460 visits and have been the instruments in God's hands of bringing hope and cheer to many in this desert of ignorance, poverty, and vice.

SOUTH CHICAGO.

This is another vast field among a large foreign population, and the report of our one missionary there is a thrilling tale of 1,776 visits made. 38 Bibles given out, 12 barrels of clothing distributed, numerous meetings

addressed, letters written, prayer in homes 98, and for her vacation she taught five weeks in the Vacation Bible School. A very wise and thoughtful thing she did was to place a great number of *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions* in the homes.

West Side Work.

Here again we could repeat what we have just told of the over 1,000 calls and the manifold labor of the constant and faithful missionary, what a debt we owe to them!

Lincoln Street Industrial Work.

Here we have two workers in what, quoting the pastor, is the largest and best equipped Church industrial school in the city of Chicago, and it is doing a superior grade of work. The aim is to bring them into individual vital touch with Jesus Christ. In this way about thirty children have been reached and through them the parents, so that quite a number of them are now faithful members of the Church and earnest Christians.

Italian Work (Chicago).

The work here is in charge of a very competent and successful kindergarten director, who is doing much for our large number of little ones and their mothers as well. Miss Panetty, who with such sweetness and patience has labored here as our missionary, has returned to her home in Italy for a visit.

Italian Work (Joliet).

Our beloved chairman of this work was called from labor to reward in the spring, but the work so dear to her heart was carried on by Mrs. Armati, who reports several hundred visits made and constant effort in bringing her people into a personal Christian experience in which she was made happy by seeing some of them converted.

Does It Pay?

Well, listen to the tramp, tramp, tramp of these forty workers as they make these more than 10,000 visits into the homes of the poor, the sick, and the needy, bearing comfort and consolation, bringing back the message to you that "God is working and souls are saved." "For my word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please and it shall PROSPER in the thing whereto I sent it."

(Mrs.) Margaret A. Hubbell, *Chairman.*

Hobbs House (Girls' Club).

For several years it has been the earnest desire to establish a Home for working girls where they might have a home at a moderate cost and at the same time be under the influence of a good, Christian, motherly mother.

This desire has at last been realized, and in April the Home was formally opened. Thirty girls can be accommodated, and already more than half that number are at home there.

To safeguard our girls as they come to this big, bad Chicago is certainly a part of our work.

Glenn Industrial Home.

641 West Fourth Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Glenn Industrial Home still continues the haven of rest for young women for which we strive. Through the indefatigable efforts of the House Committee the equipment of the Home has been put in perfect repair, and the boarding department, with its home privileges, has never been more appreciated.

Mrs. Given, our faithful Superintendent, is leaving us for a home of her own, and we can not speak too highly of her efficient services for long years, not only as Superintendent of the Home, but as mother to the many girls who have found shelter there. Mrs. Given was married during the month of August to an old-time friend, Mr. W. F. Hardy, of Champaign, Ill. In wishing Mrs. Hardy "God speed" in her new duties we trust the new friends will learn to value her as those she leaves. In the years to come "many will rise up and call her blessed"—for she truly verified the proverbs of the Wise King regarding the keeper of the home. Miss Carolyn Woods succeeds Mrs. Hardy.

Needs: Bed and table linen, curtains, money for payment for help; living expenses having increased, there must needs be increased wages for the employed help. Pillows, 18 x 36 inches; table cloths, 2, 3, 6, and 9 yards; napkins; sheets, 1½ x 2¼ yards.

Miss Esther Lomb proved a valuable acquisition to our corps of workers. Faithful in all her duties, teaching the sewing and cooking classes, the Queen Esther Circle, leading the Friday night prayer meeting, aiding in the Sunday school, and earnest in her efforts with the Boys' Club work, for which she secured permission to use the old Hughes High School gymnasium once a week.

Miss Betty did good work at Riverside under most adverse circumstances, and deserves much credit for results which tell.

Our Galion Street Mission at Riverside has had a fairly prosperous year considering the limitations with which it has had to cope financially and otherwise. There is such a splendid field for good missionary effort in this end of our great city and so many people to be helped into higher planes of development—in many cases very, very needy—that it seems there must be something from our Heavenly Father coming its way.

Practically, we need clothing, good social entertainment for both young and old.

Our best showing for the year has been in the Sunday school work. Services were held every Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Riverside Methodist Episcopal Church, its pastor devoting as much time as possible to its care. The largest attendance was 72, the average attendance 40. These are all Protestant children who would not attend any Sunday school if we did not look after them.

The Riverside Epworth League supplied us with several very faithful and efficient teachers, notably Mr. Paul Hoffman, who led the school, and Miss Edythe Hayes, who did good work among the younger girls.

Neighborhood meetings were held on Thursday evenings, Mr. Simmonds providing some entertaining and instructive "picture shows." A short address with service of song and prayer followed. These meetings were always well attended, our little hall being taxed to its utmost capacity.

The Glenn Home Kindergarten, under the teaching of Miss Emma Wolfer, showed an enrollment of 52 children.

Miss Faith Lingenfelter reports for the Mission Kindergarten an

enrollment of 68 children. Many pleasant outings have marked the school year. The "Cheerful Workers" of Glenn Home made a whole bolt of gingham into dresses for the kindergarten children, which were much appreciated.

Mr. Tone, the faithful Superintendent of the Mission Sunday school, has held the pupils well during the year, and we are glad to give him public thanks for this consecrated service. He has been assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Lomb, and Miss Betty.

Supplies.

Supplies have been good, but the year has been a hard one for many of our people and much more could have been distributed than was received both in garments and food products. Total number of garments received, 2,967; total cash supplies, $682.92.

Finances.

Total receipts from all sources for the year 1911-1912, $3,338.87; disbursements, $3,319.29; balance, August 1, 1912, $19.58.

Dayton District gave in cash $208.82; Springfield, $187.98; Hillsboro, $84.85.

Mrs. D. Jewell Durrell, *Chairman.*

HULL STREET SETTLEMENT AND MEDICAL MISSION DISPENSARY, 36 HULL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

Medical Mission.

It is with gratitude we give our report for the year; gratitude to God for the success of the work, and to the friends of the Mission for their interest and kindly help. Located here in the North End of Boston, with neighbors from Italy, Russia, Greece, Portugal, and other foreign countries, we are endeavoring to teach them the meaning of Americanism and Christianity. The people who come to us are all a part of "the other half," coming from the dark alleys and crowded tenement houses, with diseased bodies and discouraged hearts. They are met in our clinics by our doctors, nurses, and social workers. The past year a dental clinic has been established, graduate dentists coming to us twice a week. The school nurses appreciate the excellent service we give and bring us pupils from the public schools, especially to the ear, nose, throat, eye, and dental clinics. Doctors and nurses have been busy the past year, both in the dispensary and in the district. In the dispensary 12,522 treatments have been given, 329 operations performed, 1,536 treatments given on the district, making a total of 14,058 treatments; 3,075 calls were made by nurses. Doctors and nurses have responded to calls for 151 obstetrical cases. A call for assistance, be it day or night, is never refused.

Settlement Work.

Our social worker, who has given such faithful consecrated service for four years, was married this spring. To take her place has come one

who has long been a member of our Woman's Home Missionary Society and especially interested in the work here.

Club and class work has been carried on as usual. Literature, art, and conversation have been subjects of study; also several interesting debates have been held by the members of our Jewish Boys' Club. Our resident workers have been assisted by fifteen volunteers, to whom we are very grateful for their faithful and efficient services.

There have been eight Boys' Clubs and eight Girls' Clubs, a sewing class for children with 75 members, also clubs for Italian and Irish mothers. Industriously do the girls work through the year making garments and doing fine embroidery, that they may have a part in the annual exhibition, which has come to be an occasion of great interest to our neighbors and friends. Nine hundred calls have been made by social workers, not as large a number as usual, owing to illness of one of the workers. Visiting in the homes is a great help to the work; it enables us to get in close touch with the people, to gain their confidence and show them we are neighbors in the true sense of the word.

Through the kindness of friends several musical evenings have been enjoyed, also lectures. The Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts took an hour from his busy life to give a practical talk to our Boys' Clubs.

Christmas, as usual, was a joyous occasion, continuing for over a week. A large Christmas tree and presents made the club members happy. Also, patients in the dispensary and in the district were not forgotten. Stamp savings has been carried on as usual at Mission and Lowney's factory.

We would end our report as we began, with praise and thanksgiving to Him who is God of all, the rich and poor, high and lowly.

MARY B. TAYLOR, *Superintendent.*

ITALIAN MISSION, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

The work of the Mission is being carried along the educational, industrial, and spiritual lines. Night school is the means to and end in securing the consent and confidence of these people, who have given to us their Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the world as we know it to-day. It is not their mistake in coming to America, but our lack as a Church to care for them in their own native land, and we must give them the Christ as a Savior, a brother, friend, or they will in time refuse to accept Him as either.

Our Sunday services are always largely attended by the whole family, which, to our minds and hearts, is most encouraging. Usually the wife and children are not supposed to be other than domestic animals. After much patient visiting and explaining, the children were brought together and a goodly number enrolled for the Sunday school. Now the adults remain to the Sunday school, and thus are we winning whole families.

Visiting the sick, assisting financially, procuring situations, comforting those bereaved, are some of the duties that fall to the hands of your Superintendent of this Mission. We expect new additions to our industrial work this coming year, but our aim is to save these people for Christ, first and last.

MRS. DANIEL SMITH, *Superintendent and Chairman.*

UTICA ITALIAN SETTLEMENT, UTICA, N. Y.

The Italian Mission work at Utica, N. Y., has concluded another year of successful endeavor, and also has completed the new Settlement House at an expense of $25.000. The work was conducted until May at 139 Elizabeth Street, where were employed the deaconess, the kindergartner, the matron, and the other workers. In May the Settlement House having been completed, we moved into the new building.

The new year opened under favorable auspices. October, 10, 1912, the Settlement House was dedicated with appropriate exercises. Dr. Frederick H. Wright gave an address, as did Bishop William Burt, who conducted the dedication, the local ministers taking part. In the evening there was a reception in honor of the bishop, at the Settlement House, which was largely attended, not only by members of the Methodist Church but of other denominations and representatives from the Auxiliaries within the bounds of the Northern New York Conference.

Arrangements are being made to provide for the unpaid expense of erecting the building. With modern accommodations and new facilities, we expect our workers to produce increased results in the present and in the future.

Mrs. I. L. Hunt, *Chairman.*

ORPHANAGES.

Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb.

Does it count for much that again we can report the Mothers' Jewels Home as still providing for homeless and dependent children a clean, a healthy, an ideal home life? Make, if you can, an inventory of resulting influences, and you will find coming forth from this institution better home-makers, better voters, better Christian workers, and—as a logical conclusion—better Americans to help make a better America.

We believe we have a constituency in the Woman's Home Missionary Society so loyal in support that this work may be able to repeat itself through the coming years. Such values this world can not compute; only can they be correctly recorded in the Life Book of the forever world.

Time runs fast. Already a generation has been raised to manhood and womanhood, and sent forth from this Home into life's activities, while other helpless little ones have come in to fill these places vacated by the outgoing self-helpful youth.

It 's great—this child-saving business for the King! Five of our girls this year are filling responsible positions as teachers in as many excellent schools. A sixth, who came to us as a mere breath of a fair, frail child-life, by extreme care of her in the physical, mental, and spiritual, was successfully taken through Home school, high school, and State normal; then several years of fine record as an instructor, and now, with matured brain and purpose, she is entering a university for higher work and degrees. Many of the grown-up boys show equally fine records.

This year our six oldest girls are attending the city high school, while the rest of the children are in the Home school. A fact which proves at once that the present family is in the large part quite young.

Several important changes have been made necessary by vacancies, but those coming in to fill them are proving most satisfactory.

Our property is well cared for, and the crops from fruits, vineyards, and farm have been abundant.

The Mothers' Jewels Home still lives to bless childhood, and York, Neb., shall continue to be known over the States, through the years to come, as the location of this sheltering Home.

Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock, *Chairman.*

Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, Ill.

As the present Superintendent of Cunningham Children's Home did not take charge of the work until June 18, 1912, this report necessarily comprises only statistics shown on the books of the institution and information given by the older workers.

Lack of funds making the renovation of the north wing and basement of the Home impossible thus far, the number of children cared for at one time has been limited to 50. The dormitories would accommodate a much larger number, but the dining-room is so small we are continually obliged to refuse worthy children. Nevertheless the books show that during the year from July 1, 1911, to July 1, 1912, 40 boys and 55 girls were cared for, a total of 95 children. Ten among the number were bottle babies. Many applications were received from people desiring children, and ten of our dependent ones were adopted into permanent homes.

Having a resident trained nurse has been a new feature this year. Burnham Hospital has no children's ward in which its graduate nurses may get the two months of child study and practical service among children required by the law, so it has affiliated with our Home, and each student nurse of the senior class takes her turn in coming to the Home for a two months' term, caring particularly for the babies and attending to all the little ailments and accidents common to normal children. Although several children have been under hospital treatment, no fatalities have occurred and excellent health has been the rule most of the time. In June whooping-cough made its appearance, but by using a room in the new building as an isolation ward and taking other precautions as our nurse directed no other cases developed.

Religious training has, as usual, been carefully given through the Sunday service, Sunday school, Junior League, mid-week prayer service, and daily family devotions. A very competent teacher had charge of our school and gave our children excellent educational advantages. The prophecy regarding the enjoyment of the new building was fulfilled only in slight measure, the school room and basement play-rooms alone being used during the year. Friends of Cunningham Home have evidently been numerous and generous, for the supply book tells a long and valuable story of the material thoughtfulness of Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliaries, Circles, Home Guards, Queen Esthers, Jewels, Epworth and Junior Leagues, Sunday schools, Ladies' Aids, and individual friends. These supplies have proven of inestimable value to the children, both internally and externally. All the workers of the Home are grateful for the many manifestations of interest and good will, and all are trying to deserve continued confidence and co-operation in making this agency of Christian work most effectual in the lives of the children committed to its care.

Rev. Xenophon M. Fowler, *Superintendent.*

Watts de Peyster Industrial Home and School for Girls, Tivoli, N. Y.

(Scholarship, $70.)

In reviewing the past year of the Watts de Peyster Home it is with great thankfulness that I have to record satisfactory progress and success.

The health and conduct of the children have been excellent and the Superintendent and teachers have been most devoted.

Several girls have become of age and have found homes with friends. One of the girls, who has shown a talent for drawing and designing, has found friends in one of the Auxiliaries to enable her to continue her studies in this line, and we hope for her a useful career.

It is my sad duty to record the death of one of our little girls after a short illness. Though only ten years of age, she died happily in the hope of a glorious immortality.

New girls have taken the place of those who have left, and a number of applications are still pending.

The friends of the Home have been loyal in their support, and we feel sure we may depend on their continued interest in the work.

MRS. FRANK NORTON, *Chairman.*

The Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home, Hulton, Pa. P. O., Oakmont, Pa.

In this, our eighth, year we come to you with grateful thanks to all who have in any way helped us during the past season. We have had a year of success, and it would be very difficult to find a healthier, happier set of children.

We have had quite a number of changes, new children coming in and several who have been with us for years having been placed in good homes.

House and grounds are in good condition.

We are pleased to report an increase in our endowment fund from two bequests and smaller sums gathered during the year.

Our Anniversary Day was most enjoyable, and many of the visitors came for the first time, thus showing that interest in our work is increasing in the hearts of our people.

Thanking the Board of Managers for their kindness to us during the past years, and bespeaking the same interest in the future,

MRS. P. D. PERCHMENT, *Chairman.*

DEPARTMENT OF DEACONESS WORK.

Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, *General Superintendent.*
Miss E. Jean Oram, *Assistant to the General Superintendent.*
Mrs. D. B. Street, *Field Secretary.*
Mr. John S. McConnell, *Auditor,* Summerfield Hall, Brandywine Summit, Pa.
Miss Fannie M. Cummings, *Treasurer of the Permanent Deaconess Fund,* 21 Adams Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.

When our deaconess work was inaugurated, it was placed in the care of one who is now President of this Society. For some years she alone carried its administrative burdens, but the work grew to such proportions that help was needed, and a General Superintendent was chosen. The one Bureau, by division, became five Bureaus. To each division was given a Bureau Secretary, and the responsibility of the entire field was placed upon another, whom the Society named the "General Superintendent," and to her was given the oversight and direction of the entire work.

Each Bureau Secretary was to care for the local details within her field, keep in close touch with the General Superintendent, and be responsible to her for reports and general intelligence as to the condition and needs of her own Bureau. Years have passed, and a most harmonious and happy body have these workers been.

It may not be generally understood that the Bureaus of the Deaconess Department, while in a general way, are similar in their duties and responsibilities to those of other Bureau Secretaries, yet in many points the duties of these two classes of Secretaries are not analogous. Each of the other Bureaus (outside of the deaconess work) is an entity—a unit, and each Bureau Secretary is responsible for her entire field, and reports it only to the General Woman's Home Missionary Society. The Deaconess Department is more complex. The whole administration of this department must come from one central office. From this office the deaconesses are stationed; the necessary travelling expenses are issued; the roll of deaconesses of the entire country is kept; the Permanent Deaconess Fund and other funds are administered. As all of these items must necessarily have to do with each of the other Bureaus, it goes without saying that the entire Deaconess Department is the unit, and each Bureau only is a part of the whole. For some reasons it might have been clearer to have called these parts of the Deaconess Department by some other name, but the majority preferred the present arrangement.

Much complexity above referred to in the Deaconess Department arises from complexities in deaconess work of our Church for which the Woman's Home Missionary Society is in no sense responsible. Nevertheless, it is the duty of our Society to hold an unbroken field for our Deaconess Department and to retain the work as a whole. The Department being the whole, and the Bureaus being a part of the whole, they can not be separated as are the other Bureaus in our Society, and this because of interlacing of common dependence.

The action of the late General Conference makes no certain division of deaconess boundaries, hence our Society is free to go throughout the

United States, unless the new General Deaconess Board should make prohibition, which it has not yet done. It was, therefore, decided at the recent Annual Meeting at Des Moines, in view of these facts, to create three new Deaconess Bureaus and rearrange the boundaries of the former ones as follows:

DEACONESS BUREAUS.

The New England Deaconess Bureau, which has under its care all deaconess interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in seven Conferences.

The Eastern bureau has under its care twelve Conferences and a number of stations on the Atlantic Seaboard.

The Central Deaconess Bureau cares for the deaconess interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in fifteen Conferences.

The Western Deaconess Bureau has charge of the deaconess interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in fourteen Conferences.

The Northern Deaconess Bureau, which has the deaconess interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in eleven Conferences.

The Pacific Coast Bureau has the deaconess interests of the Society in eight Conferences and Mission Conferences.

The Northwest Deaconess Bureau has charge of the deaconess interests of the Society in seven Conferences and a Mission Conference.

The Deaconess Bureau for work among the Negro people has charge of the deaconess interests in all Negro Conferences.

We have as yet no work among the Swedish, Norwegian, nor Danish workers. We hope to develop this in the future.

The work among the Germans is entirely cared for by the German Central Deaconess Board. We, therefore, have no need of work among the Conferences of that nationality.

It is now planned that in each Deaconess Bureau the Bureau Secretary shall have more direct charge of the details of this work. It is also requested that at least once a year each Bureau Secretary visit the institutions within her Bureau, and if she is not able to do so, that she appoint a substitute, preferably some deaconess working within her territory.

These Bureaus comprise the deaconess interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society within the bounds of the white English-speaking Conferences and the Negro Conferences.

Training Schools Bureau.

Mrs. D. A. Minard, 619 Bird Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., *Secretary.*

This includes the National and Conference Training Schools.

Hospital Bureau.

Mrs. D. B. Street, "The Kenesaw," Washington, D. C., *Secretary.*

This includes the hospital interests of the Society, with Brewster Hospital within the Bureau of Florida.

New England Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. A. H. Webb, Northfield, Vermont, *Secretary.*

Conferences—East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Troy, New England, New England Southern. Seven Conferences.

Eastern Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. W. L. Boswell, 644 N. 32d St., Philadelphia, *Secretary.*

Conferences—New York East, New York, Wyoming, Northern New York, Genesee, Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, Wilmington, Baltimore, Virginia, and Deaconess Stations south on the Atlantic Seaboard. Twelve Conferences.

Central Deaconess Bureau.

Miss Jean Oram, 1920 E. 93d St., Cleveland, Ohio, *Secretary.*

Conferences—Erie, Pittsburg. West Virginia, Ohio, Northeast Ohio, Cincinnati-Central, Detroit, Michigan, Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana, Rock River, Central Illinois, and Stations south of this territory. Fourteen Conferences.

Western Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. John W. Bush, 2762 Charlotte Ave., Kansas City, Mo., *Secretary.*

Conferences—Nebraska and North Nebraska, Missouri, St. Louis, Illinois, Southern Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, South Kansas, Northwest Kansas, Southwest Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado. Fourteen Conferences.

Pacific Coast Bureau.

Mrs. John Stephens, 3168 21st St., San Francisco, Cal., *Secretary.*

Conferences—Oregon, California, Southern California and Nevada Mission, Utah, Arizona Mission, New Mexico English and New Mexico Spanish Missions. Nine Conferences.

Northern Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. Benj. H. Longley, 223 Arundel St., St. Paul, Minn., *Secretary.*

Conferences—Wisconsin, Northern Minnesota, Minnesota, Upper Iowa, North Iowa, Iowa, Des Moines, North Dakota, Dakota, Black Hills Mission. Ten Conferences.

North-West Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. W. S. Betts, Spokane, Wash., *Secretary.*

Conferences—Alaska Mission, Puget Sound, Columbia River, Montana, North Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming Mission. Seven Conferences.

Colored Deaconess Bureau.

Mrs. M. B. C. Mason, 2231 St. James Ave., Cincinnati, O., *Secretary.*

Conferences—All colored Conferences within the boundaries of the United States.

The Society has no Bureau yet formed for Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, French, or Italian deaconess interests. Isolated stations of such workers will be cared for by Secretaries of white Conferences within whose bounds are such stations.

THE PERMANENT DEACONESS FUND.

Miss Fannie M. Cummings, *Treasurer,* 21 Adams Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.

Less than a year ago we sent out letters to all the Corresponding Secretaries and District Superintendents of the Conferences in which the Woman's Home Missionary Society has deaconess work, giving them full information concerning the Permanent Deaconess Fund, and asking their support to this Fund.

Among the replies received, some stated, "We have never been asked to pledge to the Permanent Deaconess Fund;" others said, "The Permanent Deaconess Fund has never been officially announced;" and others, "We have never heard of the Permanent Deaconess Fund." On the other side came these encouraging words, "We will do all we can for the Permanent Deaconess Fund."

Four years ago last May, in 1908, the General Conference gave official sanction to this good work of the Deaconess Department, a department which occupies such a large part of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. So, while in an *official* way the Permanent Deaconess Fund is still young, its good service has been going on for several years, having had its inception in the fertile brain of our worthy President and gradually gaining strength and growth under her fostering care.

To-day you are asked to place this spoke of the great wheel of Methodism in the hub of your pledge wheel. We have over 400 deaconesses at the present time connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society. their lives given unreservedly in consecrated service to God and His children, and this on the basis of mere support. It is our sacred duty to provide for all their exigencies of sickness and old age.

This is also an *official* announcement of our Permanent Deaconess Fund, a work that is under General Conference supervision. And we are sure, if the Corresponding Secretaries and District Superintendents in the Conferences where we have deaconess work will carry out our request, no one can again say she never heard of the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

We are grateful to the Conferences which have every year sent a pledge to this fund; we are hoping that the promises of the Conferences to do what they can may materialize, and we are trusting that another year all may be prepared again to help *us.*

Our deaconess institutions are to be congratulated upon the way in which they are meeting their obligations to this fund, although there are still several that have not yet come up to the full requirements of the discipline.

On October 1, 1912, we reported as belonging to the Permanent Deaconess Fund $12,297.88, invested in annuities and in the bank. We are at the present time assisting about twelve deaconesses, in some cases giving monthly allowance, in others paying board and allowance, and in still others paying medical bills besides.

The following is an extract from a letter received from one of our retired workers who only a few months ago entered her eternal home:

"Your check and note received. I can not express my pleasure and appreciation for same. When I opened and read its contents of my receiving a stated amount each month I just said, 'Praise the Lord.' You can not imagine, without any income, what it means to get a stated amount every month."

We can not depend wholly upon our deaconess institutions for the amount desired for a principal. We ask for gifts, large and small; for annuities upon which interest may be paid; for bequests. These will create a principal, the interest from which only will be required to meet needs. The object of this Permanent Deaconess Fund is worthy the best support that can be given. We ask of our Conferences that they remember us in their pledges.

Years of service have been given the Church by the heroic, unselfish lives of our deaconesses. Veterans still remain on duty and recruits continue to come each year. Our promise to these splendid women must be kept. The obligation is a holy privilege we will share with all friends of the cause.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU ON NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Mrs. D. A. Minard, *Secretary*, 619 Bird Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

During the past year the work in this Bureau has been aggressive. Large plans for buildings at Washington and Kansas City are materializing, and activities upon the structures in both cities give assurance that by the next annual meeting these buildings will be completed.

Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School has been sending into the work of the society not only deaconesses, nurses, and missionaries, but also superintendents for our mission homes—the superintendent's course proving of great value.

When we realize what has taken place in the last few years at Washington we are filled with wonder and praise to Him "from whom all blessings flow." This progress is the strong argument for the enlargement of Sibley Hospital. "Robinson Hall" is in process of erection and is of fireproof construction, with the best plans for a strictly modern hospital. We are assured by the physicians that it will be the most complete hospital in Washington and the only Protestant denominational hospital at the capital of our Nation.

When our friends understand that for which this hospital stands, not alone for Methodism, but for all Protestantism, we feel certain that whatever debt must be incurred will soon be eliminated. As this hospital will be national in its character, we are not depending entirely upon the Auxiliaries to raise these moneys. All Methodism should have part in its erection. We are reserving the furnishing of the building for the Conferences, as we believe all will want a place in this great work.

The Kansas City Training School is now moving rapidly forward. During the past thirteen months our General Superintendent, Miss H. A. Bancroft, has secured in cash and reliable pledges $33,000 for the enlargement of the Kansas City Training School, most of which has come from outside our Society, and much of it from outside our Church.

Miss Anna Neiderheiser and the loyal student body have aided most efficiently in this cause. It is important that we, as a national organization,

aid this school financially as well as with our prayers and with our sympathy. It is destined to be one of the great schools of the Society.

The San Francisco School reports a fine class graduated in June of this year. The members of last year's class are all doing valiant deaconess service. One is taking nurse training for future missionary work. This school also is dreaming of a larger building in a more desirable location.

McCrum Slavonic School commands interest. Its first class of three graduated in June. Miss Davis, its valued Superintendent, visited Bohemia last year to study local conditions, and returned with three Christian young women who have entered the school as students. This institution is destined to be most helpful in solving the question of Christianizing the Slavonic peoples.

Our Training School for Negro Women has at last a vision of early activities. Unexpected hindrances have heretofore made its opening impossible. Now arrangements have been made for the opening of this long-postponed work, and it is hoped that its building can be ready for occupancy by January 1st. Our prayer is that from this school will go out strong, true young women, who may be effective in the elevation of their race.

The Conference Training Schools are getting in close touch with this Bureau in its work of the training of Christian young women. Excellent reports have been sent to the Secretary, and in each instance growth and interest are reported.

Conference Managers, we wish to thank you for your increasing interest and helpfulness. To you is given a great responsibility. No other officer of the Conference has such opportunity for service as have you. You have received letters defining ways in which you may be helpful. Only as we labor faithfully in the interests we represent can we achieve the best in the work of the Society. Let us be diligent in this good service for the Master.

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The Lucy Webb Hayes Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries.

REV. W. H. WILDER, D. D., *President.*

The last year has been one of the most successful in our history. The standard of scholarship and of efficiency in practical training has been higher than before.

The Alumnae Association is preparing an accurate list of the graduates of the institution. At this date the exact number can not be given, but it is nearing the 500 mark. The present location of most of these women is known. They are to be found in foreign lands, in the various States and Territories from Maine on the northeast, and from Alaska, to Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands.

During part of the year the illness of Miss Frickey compelled us to secure the valuable services of Dr. Haggerty and Dr. Mowbray for some

† Absent on Sick Leave 1911–1912.
‡ Resigned May, 1912.
* Absent 1913 for Graduate Study.

of the classes. We have greatly missed the presence and influence of Miss Frickey, and are glad to report that she now is with us and that she returned a deaconess in garb. She will devote the remainder of her life, which has been so fully consecrated to the Master, to the work of a deaconess in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The resignation of Miss Pearl Thirkield as teacher of English, necessitated by the election of her father to the episcopacy, and her necessary removal from Washington, is deeply regretted. However, another graduate of the Goucher Woman's College and one who has specialized in English in her college work has been chosen to fill Miss Thirkield's place. The teacher elect, Miss Willian Wilder, will also be Assistant Preceptress.

Miss Helen Hartley, a teacher of some years' standing and a recent graduate of Garrett Biblical Institute, has been elected as teacher in the Bible School. With these additions to the resident Faculty we can pledge efficient work.

Miss Mary E. Herrold, assistant teacher in the Domestic Science Department, is granted a leave of absence for two years for continuation of her studies in Pratt Institute. Miss Condy, principal in the department, will devote all her time to teaching.

The revised courses of study have been printed in the July *Bulletin*. We wish every member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society would permit us to place the quarterly *Bulletin* in circulation, first in her own home, and from that home to her Auxiliary.

OUR NEW HOSPITAL BUILDING.

This is now in process of erection and will occupy one-half of this city block, extending from Rust Hall to Pierce Street. It will be a six-story fireproof structure, with all modern appointments, and equipments for the best care of patients and the exercise of the highest skill in surgery. Its cost will be about $150,000. The operating rooms and surgical patients will be on the sixth floor, while above that, on the roof, will be a magnificent solarium. The greater portion of the roof outside of the solarium will be well adapted to convalescent patients. On the west side of the building, extending from Rust Hall to Pierce Street, there will be four balconies, twelve feet in width, so enclosed as to afford all the advantages of sun baths and outdoor nursing.

What Others Say.

We wish to circulate widely the appreciation of this forward movement of the Training School as set forth in the following statements from Bishop Earl Cranston and Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield:

"I regard it as absolutely necessary that our hospital work in the National Capital shall have enlarged accommodations and more complete equipment. Our standing among the great organizations of the country just now calls our Church to this task. Let it be demonstrated that Protestantism can maintain in Washington City one philanthropic agency without government appropriations.

"In this brief word let me also commend Doctor Haywood, its Field Secretary, as a man prepared in heart and experience to present the claims of this very important movement.

July 12, 1912. "EARL CRANSTON."

"One of the most beneficent and broadly useful institutions of the Church is the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School. An important part of its work is the equipment of Christian nurses.

"This is the only training school under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in connection with which a hospital is maintained.

"At the capital of the Nation, with its tens of thousands of visitors annually, including thousands of Methodists, an adequate, thoroughly-equipped Hospital, under the auspices of the Protestant Church, is a necessity, and should appeal strongly to Christian philanthropy. With a personal knowledge of the situation and needs, I do not hesitate to give endorsement to this enterprise. I trust that the plans of the proposed noble building, standing almost under the shadow of the dome of the Capitol, may be realized, and that it may, through coming years, welcome, in Christ's name, multitudes seeking healing and health.

July 18, 1912. "WILBUR P. THIRKIELD."

Financial Statement.

Financial statement of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School for the year beginning August 1, 1911, and closing July 31, 1912:

Balance in Treasury August 1, 1911	$ 1,240.21
Total Receipts for the year	69,224.29
(Of this amount $2,700 was secured on Life Annuity Bonds.)	
Total Disbursements for the year	$65,171.04
Balance in Treasury August 1, 1912	5,293.46

It is with pleasure that I note under Disbursements mortgage notes on Lots 1142 and 1144 and Lot 21 in Square 620 have been paid off in full; also the Sibley Guild note, given for the placing of the elevator in Sibley Hospital, has been reduced to $1,000 by the payment of $600 and interest.

OUR IMMEDIATE NEED.

The Training School must create an endowment of at least $500,000. We could not live without annually allowed scholarships. The number should be doubled for next year, and at least 100 perpetual scholarships should be secured. What a splendid method for a memorial!

Our immediate appeal is for the remainder of $150,000 to complete and furnish the new building.

Our annuity bonds, which are guaranteed by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, are good as gold.

The annuity method has many excellent features, especially to elderly people.

It is a safe investment.
The income is fixed and certain and continues during life.
The bonds are not subject to taxation.
You administer on your own estate and without expense.
You see your own works in life.
Your good works continue forever.
All the gift is perpetually applied to the cause intended by the donor.

SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS.

Memorial floor in Robinson Hall, from $10,000 to $25,000.
Dispensary, $10,000.
Operating room, $5,000.
Small ward, from $1,000 to $1,500.
Large ward, $5,000.
Rooms, from $750 to $1,500.
Perpetual endowment of a bed, $5,000.
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"Perpetual pushing and assurance put a difficulty out of countenance and make a seeming impossibility give way."

At the beginning of the past year we were confronted by a "seeming impossibility," as we realized that we must erect Schoellkopf Hall or fail in the forward march of our work, but by prayer, "perpetual pushing and assurance," we have the joy and satisfaction of seeing the walls rise and of knowing that in due time the structure will be completed and our capacity doubled. This building was made possible by the gift of $25,000 from the estate of Mr. C. E. Schoellkopf, to whom we are indebted for the ten acres upon which our institution stands.

Through the efforts of our General Superintendent, Mr. C. E. Schoellkopf first gave to this institution the ten acres of land upon which the two buildings stand. To Miss Bancroft he further stated that our use of this gift was more gratifying to him than were the results of any others he had made. To her he later promised liberal donations for the enlargement of this institution. This officer of our Society further induced his heirs to carry out the wishes of this brother and uncle, despite the fact that they were not legally bound to do this deed of kindness. Other friends have rallied to our cause, for this school has met a long-felt want and they have labored loyally for its furtherance.

This school has suffered a great loss in the death of one of our strong supporters, Rev. J. W. Alderman, D. D., who was an active force in its foundation. His kindly interest in its work was manifested in his death as in his life. By the terms of his will we receive $2,000 in cash, his household goods, and his library.

Another of our long-time friends, Mrs. Kate M. Stratton, went to her eternal home during the year. Her husband will name and furnish a room in her honor. Other friends have contributed liberally toward naming rooms and windows.

The alumnae of the Kansas City Training School have given $500 to name a room in honor of Miss Neiderheiser.

Our enrollment for the year was fifty strong, capable young women. A class of eighteen was graduated May 21st—seventeen deaconesses and one missionary. Commencement week was a time of blessed fellowship and home-coming for the alumnæ, as well as a time for the gathering together of the Methodist hosts of Kansas City.

The conference for the Western Deaconess Bureau, held May 22d and 23d, was as usual of great helpfulness and inspiration; also many words of appreciation assure us that our paper, the *Kansas City Deaconess,* is still in great favor with the people because it meets a need.

Our Kensington Mission has been enlarged and has had a year of unusual ministry. More than fifty conversions have resulted from the year's work.

We had the joy of sending two of our graduates, Dr. Nellie M. Cramer, class of 1911, and Miss Inez V. Walthall, class of 1912, to Sinuk, Alaska. This was in part made possible through our auxiliary meetings of the school, and our mite-box opening which resulted in a gift of $200.00 for their traveling expenses.

It has been the purpose of our faculty, composed of twenty able men and women, to make the class work and training of the Kansas City National Training School of the highest efficiency. Their success the past year has been most gratifying.

The courses of study offered are: Bible course, Social Workers' course, Domestic Science and Arts course, Sunday School, Junior League, Epworth League, and Kindergarten course.

The atmosphere of the home, for such it is, even in its larger growth, is warm with love and sympathy—full of the loving spirit of the Master and in every way conducive to the development of strong, true womanhood. The daily association with people of large vision and great souls makes it a dwelling-place of great profit.

Let us go forward and possess the land, which will be to the Woman's Home Missionary Society and to Christ's kingdom a goodly heritage.

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San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home.

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Just over the hill, between our house and the world-famed Golden Gate, there is located the San Francisco Presidio, where the daily drill of troops, the beat of drum and bugle note, the flash of sword and bayonet, the booming of cannon and rattle of musketry, the sunrise and sunset guns—all speak of grim-visaged war. At a moment's notice these boys of twenty, trained in the arts of war, rush from their tents and line up for orders, "Forward, march," to victory or death.

In striking contrast stands our institution, the San Francisco Deaconess Training School, where young ladies called of God and the Church put themselves in training for service under the leadership of our Great Captain, the Prince of Peace.

The past year has been one of the best in the history of this Training School. An earnestness of purpose has characterized the work and the home life in the school.

Twenty-two students registered during the year. Three of these, on account of illness, returned to their homes, but hope to complete the course later. The work in the class-room and in "the field" has never been more thorough and successful. Pastors and churches were served, while the sick, friendless, and poor to whom the deaconesses and students have ministered, bear strong testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency

of our noble band of workers. It is our desire to increase their numbers until their influence is felt in every land and by every fireside where help is needed.

We presented in June nine graduates, who are at the Master's business and stand ready to go where the Church wants them to go—to be what the Church wants them to be. The mingling of deaconesses and students in our "home" life is delightful and, we believe, to the advantage of both.

The services rendered from year to year by our busy pastors and professional friends in and around the city are beyond price. We owe a great debt to them.

On account of failing health Miss Myser, our resident teacher, was compelled to return to her home, Delaware, Ohio, and Miss Zaida Tyrrell, who has served us so efficiently in former years, came to the rescue and completed the year. We expect all our juniors (now seniors) to return, and the prospect for next year is gratifying.

The McCrum National Training School for Slavonic Young Women.

64 S. Beeson Avenue, Uniontown, Pa.

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For the manifestation of God's presence and saving power in the school during the past year, we give praise. That He is the founder of this school we can not doubt. May it constantly carry out His purpose that He may be its Preserver!

The school is especially designed to meet the needs of Slavonic young women, both those born in America and those coming directly from Europe, to fit them to do mission work among their own people.

It includes in its requirements a thorough course of Bible study, special classes in English, and instruction in domestic and industrial work. Practical mission work is required among Slavonic people in the surrounding coke villages.

The third school year opened on September 11th with a much better equipment and more students than at the beginning of any preceding year. We are growing out of our present quarters. Already one room must be rented outside the building.

The local Board of Directors, who have so loyally supported and pushed the work, are now considering the purchase of a site for a new building. To make this new school possible the liberal sympathy and support of auxiliaries and circles will be needed, as well as a substantial unconditional appropriation from the national Society. Hearty thanks is expressed for the $500 appropriation granted last year. "Not that we desire a gift," but that you might be co-laborers together with us, that at the last day you and we may come together with great rejoicing, "bringing our sheaves with us."

DEACONESS BUREAUS.

EASTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

MRS. W. L. BOSWELL, *Secretary.*

644 N. Thirty-second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

In a wonderful manner has the guiding hand of the Master been revealed in response to our prayers for the expansion of His work in this Bureau. From Maine to the extreme South, and through the Western part of our territory growth of the work and sympathy for it has greatly increased. Maine deaconess work has felt the impulse; Vermont calls for more and well-trained workers; Albany and New Haven seem full of life and development, while Jersey City, Newark, and Paterson are straining every effort to meet the demands of their churches and missions. Binghamton has its well-established new home, with fine workers, and Wilmington's cry is "Advance for a new Industrial Building."

Philadelphia has felt so keenly this pulsing growth that still another —a fourth—building has been purchased that the needs of expansion, enforced from without, could be met.

And thus throughout the field the work for Him grows "if our hearts are in tune with the Infinite."

"What hath God wrought?
We are not here to dream and drift;
We have hard work to do, and souls to lift.
Fear not the struggle; face it—'tis God's gift."

Anthracite Mission Home, Hazelton, Pa.

344 W. First Street.

MISS EMMA TRESCOTT, *Superintendent.*

Here we truly "Live in a house by the side of the road, to be a friend to man."

Those to whom we minister have come from Russia, Austria-Hungary, Italy, and from Turkey. Here our workers are truly giving their lives to help a worthy, needy poor. With but one exception we have a new

force of workers, from District Superintendent to janitor. Despite these changes that have cast shadows on the pathway, we rejoice that our great Leader is One that changes not, and His spirit abides with *us.* We are in a center of population of 33,000 in our city, with not more than 1,000 Methodists, while 14 Catholic churches do not comfortably seat their many thousands. We are glad that in the midst of ignorance and superstition we can say "See what God has wrought." We have more young people members of our Mission Church and in our Church schools than has any other Church in our district. At our annual festival days, Christmas, and July 4th at our outing, the attendance showed an increase of 50 per cent. Our enrollment in sewing classes for one quarter of the year has been 125. We are confident that the influence of our Mission is being felt throughout the entire city.

As we go about from home to home, the question is often asked, "Who supports you, the city or the State?" We tell them we belong to a Society whose motto is "For love of Christ and in His name." And we tell them that European people who are coming to America so often learn the worst of our American life, and that our Society wants them to have the best. This helps greatly in winning their confidence and appreciation. Pennsylvania is not a "dry" State, and only those who come in close contact with our European friends can realize the sin, and want, and sorrow that is wrought by our legalized saloon, so often owned by an European who understands but the weak points in his brother's character and seeks to accomplish his ruin, thus to increase his own bank account. From our mission home go out those who know well the best of the European life, and by adding to this the best a Christian nation has to give, and adding to this God's best, we believe we shall some day occupy a place in Methodism that shall rank as one of our strongest institutions, helping to unite our social and religious forces to win these strangers within our gates for Christ.

We greatly appreciate the growing interest and support of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and we are facing the battle with renewed faith and zeal.

Baltimore Deaconess Home of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1301 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. H. D. Evans, *Superintendent.*

We believe in looking forward, not backward, upward, nor downward, and in holding on in the face of seeming discouragements. We regret the absence of four of our valued workers the last year, but the work has gone steadily on, and good service has been rendered by our ten deaconesses, one probationer, and two associates. One is away on sick leave. Seven are parish deaconesses, three are kindergartners, one is Superintendent of the Home for the Aged, and another has been House Mother for several months.

Baltimore numbers fourth as port of entry to the large number of foreigners coming to our shores. Our deaconesses are closely associated in their missions with the Bohemians, Poles, Italians, and Russian Jews. At one of our sewing schools this year six nationalities were represented. Miss Reeves, the deaconess in charge at Mt. Tabor, our Bohemian institutional building, has been abundant in labors at this important center, where she has a large kindergarten, sewing school, mothers' meeting, boys'

and girls' clubs. We are told that to Baltimore belongs the honor of erecting the first deaconess institutional building in the United States.

One of our associates was for several weeks a daily visitor at the Methodist Hospital; several of the deaconesses have assisted in evangelistic meetings; one of them is acting as travelers' aid. Homes have been secured for children and situations for the unemployed. The last winter, being one of unusual severity, there was great destitution among the poor, and the opportunities were many for giving relief to the suffering.

Spiritual help and comfort have been given, and we believe that many have been brought to God through the instrumentality of our deaconesses. "They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Binghamton Deaconess Home.

21 Edward Street, Binghamton, N. Y.
Mrs. J. N. Lee, *Superintendent.*
Miss Margaret Bell, *Deaconess.*
Miss Mary Chapline, *Deaconess.*

"The Lord thy God bear thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way ye went, until ye came into this place."

Surely this is the experience of the Binghamton deaconess work from the beginning when, nearly five years ago, Miss Grace Clarke first came to us, up to the present day. These have been years of faithful, conscientious toil on the part of our deaconess, Miss Clarke. She has been laying the foundation strong and sure upon the rock Jesus Christ, and now the superstructure, in the form of a deaconess home, looms up before our gaze, and with thanksgiving we exclaim, "Behold what hath God wrought!" From the inception of the work we have felt the need of such a center from which to send out our Christian activities, and now through the providence of God, the earnest, believing prayers and persistent efforts of the women who have had this vision, we were enabled early in May to open our home, which is situated on a good street, accessible to all parts of the city.

At a recent session of the Wyoming Conference, held in Scranton, Pa., in March, permission to open such a home was granted, and immediately a call was issued to all who desired in any way to aid in purchasing or furnishing said home. As room after room in our new home took on restful and finished appearance, we were obliged to say, "The Lord is supplying our every need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

The cost of the home and repairs is $3,500, of which more than $2,800 has been subscribed and most of that amount paid in.

On May 8th, Miss Grace Clarke, our deaconess; Mrs. J. N. Lee, our Superintendent, and Mrs. Mary Craver, as assistant, took up their residence at the home, and on May 31st, three weeks later, its doors were formally opened to the public. About 500 interested guests visited the home. During the day, amid the after-dinner speeches, Miss Clarke gave a résumé of her work for the past four and a half years, also a few suggestions to aid and benefit in the future efforts, as she was to leave the next day for her new field of labor in Jersey City.

Two deaconesses were loaned to the home for a time until permanent ones could be free to take up the work. Later these workers were

obliged to go to their previous appointments, and Miss Margaret Bell and Miss Mary Chapline were regularly stationed in this field.

As you enter the home the first thing that meets your eye over the hall door is the beautiful hand-painted motto, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven," and we believe this will prove true to many a weary, sin-sick soul.

As all through the years past, so still He continues to say, "I will guide thee with mine eye," and "I, the Lord, do keep it; I will water it every moment, lest any hurt it, I will keep it day and night."

Reported by Mrs. F. A. Blakesley, Cor. Secy.

Brooklyn Deaconess Home.

238 President Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Carrie E. Holcomb, *Acting Superintendent.*

We close the year under the shadow of a great affliction. On the 25th of June Miss Mary Mahon, our superintendent, was suddenly called away from earthly activities. Her response to the summons was characterized by the same swift obedience which governed all her life.

The work of the year has prospered under her leadership. Ten of our workers have battled with the problems of our city parish work. One has carried the messages of cheer and comfort to rich and poor of all creeds in the dispensary of our Methodist Hospital. One has superintended the industrial work among our foreign neighbors. More than ever before this work has commanded the attention of trained workers, who have given their time and strength with fine results. Pratt Institute has supplied two of our paid teachers. There is no more promising service than that among these eager, responsive children.

Our Italian worker has been busy in the kindergarten of East Side Parish, New York City. Many almost hopeless lives have been brightened by the touch of nature received in camp and by the sea. We greatly long for a fresh air home of our own, but for the present are improving the agencies at hand. Three workers have had charge of Church fresh air homes, and hundreds of children have been sent to country places by the day or for a fortnight's stay. We do not know what the future may bring, but we are facing the problems of this great Babylon with a faith which rests on our Leadership Divine.

We are glad to state that the Home in Washington has loaned our Home Miss Ida Miner as our Deaconess Superintendent for a year. We welcome her cordially to our Home.

Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School.

507 George Street, New Haven, Conn.

Miss Jessie E. Arbuckle, *Superintendent.*

The Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home has had under its direction during the year 1911 eight workers—four licensed deaconesses, one graduate deaconess, one student, one nurse, and one matron.

Eight churches have been served part or full time, and in addition to the regular visiting and interest in established meetings there have been organized sewing schools, Junior Leagues, Queen Esther Circles, gymnasium classes, mothers' meetings, Woman's Home Missionary Societies, and Sunday school teachers' training classes.

This last year three camp parties were taken out, two to Plainville from New Haven, and one to Pine Grove from Bridgeport. The children were given ten days of happy, enthusiastic good times. Automobiles were furnished us for transportation of the children.

The Sunday school connected with the Italian Methodist Church is coming to be of even larger service to the community on Hamilton Street. It is a privilege to be permitted to co-operate with the secular schools in planting high ideals and in supplementing their work by giving a religious impulse to these boys and girls.

The State Hospital is visited regularly each week.

This year the Home has inaugurated the church visiting nurse. This branch has been undertaken, not only that the sick may be cared for, but that the Church may have its chance in thus serving the world, and thereby following more closely in the footsteps of the Master. This service is of the nature of both visiting nurse and private work.

The opportunity for training for our prospective deaconesses has been of the highest grade. Attendance in the classes of such men as Dean Brown, Professors Porter, Bailey, Sneath, and Kent in Yale, and other work in Christian Ethics, Church History, Missions, Physical Culture, practical work in the Junior League, Italian Sunday school, and children's camp life, provides training that enlarges one's capacity for service.

Pastors and people in our city and State have been so loyal in their support of the work we have tried to do, that we feel that this report is also the result of their services as well as of those in the actual field.

E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home.

3 Columbia Place, Eagle St., Albany, N. Y.

Miss Mary E. Whitehead, *Superintendent.*

The E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home has closed a most successful year, filled with faithful, earnest work. We are pleased to report that our Settlement House, purchased a little more than a year ago, has been thoroughly repaired. The playground is small, but well equipped, and in a short time our domestic science kitchen will be ready for use, and *there is no debt.*

About 150 Italian and Syrian children enjoy and appreciate this one place where there is room for them. One little fellow expressed the sentiment of the others when he said, "It 's awful good of you deaconesses to buy this nice, big house just for us." Two deaconesses and an associate worker have cared for from nine to eighteen children in the day nursery, held sewing and cooking classes, boys' and girls' clubs, Sunday school, etc.

Our Travelers' Aid has been blessed in being a blessing to many weary, confused, discouraged, and sometimes destitute travelers who have passed through our great railway station.

Four parish deaconesses have been walking in the footsteps of their Master "who went about doing good." We are sure that at the last day many will rise up and call them blessed. Generous friends throughout the Conference have made the success of the year possible. We heartily thank our Heavenly Father that no serious illness or great sorrow has come to our Home.

"These are the gifts I ask of Thee:
Strength for the daily task; courage to face the road;
Good cheer to help me bear the traveler's load;
And, for the hours of rest that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen."

Harrisburg Deaconess House.

402 S. Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Sarah Ellen Mardorf, *Superintendent.*

The work in Harrisburg has but begun. We do not feel discouraged for what we believe has been accomplished, but our vision is large concerning the future possibilities of the field.

Through the kindergarten, industrial classes, and Junior League we are able to gain entrance into the homes of our Italian people, among whom our work is mainly carried on.

We have faith to believe in the ultimate success of this, our Lord's, work, for He promised in His blessed Book that His word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it.

Indianapolis Deaconess Home.

1905 North Capital Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Mary A. Knapp, *Superintendent.*

For several years our city has been blessed by the labors of several deaconesses. But as they were scattered about our city because we had no Home, their presence failed to make an adequate impression upon us. God has now blessed us by making it possible for us to open a Deaconess Home in which these blessed laborers for Him may have a community of interests, and from which they can go out on their errands of mercy.

Their labors of love are well understood in our city, and confidence in them and in their efforts is well established. Our prayers go with them as they enter more fully upon a new year from their new Home.

Jersey City Deaconess Home.

246 Summit Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Miss Anna C. Beale, *Superintendent.*

Who can measure the influence of consecrated workers upon those whom they meet, in molding and fashioning their lives anew, for, "No life can be pure in its purposes and strong in its strife and all life not be purer and stronger thereby."

Someone says the several changes incident to such vast and rapid movements of people make the work of the Church very difficult. Such masses of persons, with different training and standards of life, augment the confusion of Babel a dozen fold. We must deal not only with a confusion of tongues, but also of races, of civilizations, of political ideals, of social customs, and of moral standards. Thus the deaconess has many problems with which to deal. During the past year Trinity-Hedding, Centenary, Simpson, First Church, Hoboken, Epworth Industrial School, Jersey City, and the Italian Mission in Paterson have been served by faithful and devoted deaconesses, also one nurse deaconess who has given untiring ministry to the sick.

Miss Nettie E. Nelson is devoted to Centenary Church, while a good part of the year she has been in Brooklyn Methodist Hospital for treatment. Yet she has done what she could. At Thanksgiving and Christmas she arranged for children a day's outing in the country. One of our

family circle. Miss Elizabeth Paskin, after some weeks of intense suffering in a hospital in her native State, passed into the haven of rest and was buried from her own home church in Beacon, Iowa. Hers was a sweet, quiet, beautiful Christian character.

The Epworth Industrial School is still increasing in interest and strength under the devoted management of the Misses Mills, and their work should command a much larger financial aid. While under an able training teacher, only eighteen can be accommodated. In a larger room forty could be easily taught. Boys growing up in the slum districts should have all the possible inspiration to a nobler and better life. May the day come when some good philanthropist will give us a larger building and financial aid to this worthy cause. There are only four States in the Union whose population exceeds that of New York City, and surely all about us is a great missionary field where splendid work could be accomplished if workers and money could be forthcoming.

Maine Conference Deaconess Home.

130 Federal Street, Portland, Me.

Miss A. Maude King, *Superintendent.*

Reported by Mrs. E. C. Jones, *President of Local Board.*

God has been gracious to us during the past year, notwithstanding the enforced absence of our beloved superintendent, Miss King. But the Heavenly Father always raises up workers in times of need. Much praise and gratitude are due Miss Jessie M. Newland, who in addition to her parish work so faithfully served as Acting Superintendent until called as Superintendent of the Newark Home, when Miss Irene Worrell, with the assistance of the deaconesses in the Home, ably carried on the work. Miss Worrell proved untiring, speaking for our work at different churches nearly every Sunday and also representing it at Old Orchard and Poland Springs camp meetings.

Splendid service has been rendered at our fresh air camp, which has proved a blessing to many of the poor of our city.

The Ameé Home, at Gardiner, Me., is still prospering under the efficient supervision of Miss Jennie O. Robinson, deaconess.

The progress of the Home during the year has gone far beyond our expectations, considering the limited capacity of the building and the smallness of our funds. A large number of working girls and women have availed themselves of the protection offered by the Home, and every available room is filled. Some greatly needed improvements have been made. A furnace and bathroom have been put in, a chamber finished and furnished, a gas range installed, and various additions of furnishings have given a new atmosphere to this Home.

Miss L. Rae Langille, a probationer in our Home, has entered the National Training School at Washington, D. C.

Since the return of the Superintendent at the middle of August our Home has undergone many improvements in the way of repairs.

A delightful reception to Miss King and the workers who have recently entered our Home was held the last week in September. The large number who availed themselves of the opportunity of the open house were delighted with its comfortable and cheery appearance.

We are looking hopefully toward the future, and we anticipate much for the Master as we enter upon a new year of service.

Newark Conference Deaconess House.

219 Fairmount Ave., Newark, N. J.

Miss Jessie M. Newland, *Superintendent.*

"To God be all the glory." As He leads, the Board of Management, as well as the workers, go forward.

A keen interest is centering upon the Italians who have moved to a new quarter of the city, and His spirit is opening opportunities and hearts are opening to the glad message that "God is love."

The parish workers have hands and hearts full, and together we strive to make Him known. In a recent experience among the Italians the little sick baby was almost too ill to recover, so, as in New Testament days, the deaconess was sent for to pray, and the Superintendent asked if she might help. Together the two went to "pray for the sick." Because the Protestant "Mother Superior" went also, the Protestant testimony of loving service made an impression similar to that in the Roman church had the Mother Superior of that faith really gone on this errand of mercy. Here again we see that "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit" are souls won. In loving ministry we rejoice in telling the old story of His love and power to save.

PHILADELPHIA DEACONESS HOME.

609-611-613-615 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Bertha Fowler, *Superintendent.*

Miss Winetta L. Stacks, *Associate Superintendent.*

As the year 1912 drew near, the immediate field seemed more nearly ready for the harvest than ever before, but our hearts said, "How, O Lord, how?" For a Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," came from afar and met its response from Miss Fowler, our Superintendent, who left us for a nine months' service in other fields. With heaven-born courage and undaunted faith in prayer, we stepped under the burden and trusted our Father's care.

Our family consisted of twenty-one, eleven licensed deaconesses, one probationer, and eight missionary workers. Six deaconesses served churches, one was stationed at the immigrant station, and one engaged in social service. Three others and five missionaries did settlement work and our resident physician calls wherever needed in social service, parish or neighborhood.

The Social Service Department is ready to give aid to our pastors with their difficult problems, answer calls coming by letter or telephone, and co-operates with every philanthropic organization of our city. This department ranks with the organized charities and is one of the branches for "confidential information," thereby being mutually helpful and carrying on a varied line of work.

The Immigrant Work is increasing rapidly, as there are now three landing-places at the Philadelphia port. The deaconess serves as nurse, travelers' aid, friendly visitor, and business manager to those recently landed. The arrival in a strange land is oftentimes made brighter and happier because there is someone who cares.

The Settlement Work has its four departments—medical, educational, industrial, and spiritual. The medical includes the dispensary and neighborhood visits made by our resident physician and nurse. The clinic

visits aggregated 2,479, with 40 patients placed in hospitals and a larger number cared for in their homes.

The Educational Branch includes kindergarten, mothers' meetings, reading room, circulating library, penny savings bank, and some of the features of the club work.

The Industrial Service includes educational and advanced educational sewing, garment and dress making, kitchengarden, boys' and girls' cooking, printing, boys' and girls' sloyd, curiosity shop, chair caning, and basketry.

The Spiritual Work touches every department, in fact it is impossible to divide the work into definite, distinct parts so that one part begins and ends at a specified point. All the work is educational, much of it is industrial, and the spiritual view-point is given in all. The Deaconess Home Sunday school has an enrollment of 125, and aggregated in attendance 3,951. The Easter offering of the Sunday school for Home Missions was $28. The birthday collections were added to this, making a total of $38.38. The school is self-supporting, furnishing its own papers and lesson helps, and is known as a Bible school, for every reading member owns and reads the Bible. Our school also made and paid a pledge for our new building added during the summer. Six little people graduated from the primary class at Easter time.

The Junior League numbers 65, and has carried out the regular prescribed course of the Central Office, beside special work to meet special needs. Seven graduated from the primary into the junior department.

The Bible Study classes have included a wide range of subjects, the girls studying the women of the Bible and nature subjects, the boys the life of Christ, and the men the Acts of the Apostles. As the result of years of visiting in the homes, teaching in the Sunday school and Bible class the conversion, life, and work of Paul, was rewarded by eight of the men coming out into the new life, accepting Christ as did St. Paul, and joining the Church.

The Queen Esther Circle from the neighborhood has followed the course of Home Missionary studies, held several public meetings, and met their dues and pledges of $76.40.

The Deaconess Home banquet was also quite an event in the life of the neighborhood. The occasion was the home-coming of Miss Fowler for a few days' work in our conference. The people told in their own way what the Deaconess Home meant to them, making a very interesting and profitable evening. Other social features have been given in connection with our boys' and girls' clubs, mothers' meetings, and classes. Stereopticon lectures have also been given under the auspices of the different departments.

The Fresh Air Work has been no small item, occupying the entire summer months. Mother, boys and girls have been given a chance to love "God's out-of-doors" through a day's or week's outing, and sometimes through nature study classes and groups.

The *Philadelphia Deaconess* has made regular visits for ten months of the year to interested readers, and has stimulated auxiliaries, circles, and bands of the conference in their labors of love.

Our growing needs caused the demand for more room, more air space, and more ventilation. Knowing the need, believing in God, and with faith and courage that did not falter, we launched into a forward movement that resulted in the purchase of an additional building, which will give pleasure to the workers and aid them in more effectively holding those who are eager to give expression to the new life found in Christ Jesus.

We closed the year's work with gratitude to our Father for the strength given and the stamp of approval He placed upon the work, and with the blessed assurance that He is caring for His own.

Stone Settlement Home.

Center Street, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Miss Elizabeth Hondrick, *Superintendent.*

"I gave a beggar of my little store
Of well-earned gold. He spent the shining ore—
And came again, and yet again, still cold
And hungry as before.
I gave a thought, and thro' that tho't of mine
He found himself the man-supreme, divine;
Fed, clothed, and crowned with blessings manifold—
And now he begs no more."

This is the key-note of work being accomplished at Stone Settlement Home, in Martinsburg, W. Va. In every department God is reaching out through our workers, and men, women, and children are being given the chance He intended them to have—and they are being made over in His image. Praise His blessed name!

Utica Italian Settlement and Deaconess Home.

527 Mary Street, Utica, N. Y.

Miss Hattie Davis, *Deaconess in Charge.*

Miss Alma Hasselbach, *Deaconess Kindergartner.*

The cry here, as elsewhere, has been for more workers; missionaries and deaconesses are needed everywhere. About the 1st of February I decided that if there was to be no one for kindergarten and to help in other ways, that I must secure more volunteer workers. Previous to this time I had help with the Boy Scouts, from the Young Men's Christian Association, and occasionally a little assistance in Mothers' Meeting. These mothers have come twice a month the greater part of the year, and we gratefully acknowledge their help in these departments. Later help was ours when two girls came from Centenary Church to assist in sewing school, and Mr. Palmer and Mr. Drury to give assistance with the Friday night boys. Mrs. Bennett gave some assistance before the girls came to us. She has provided good, nourishing food, and we have had a pleasant home life, which means much to all who live here.

With Miss Hasselbach as a trained kindergartner, and a deaconess we shall be able to carry forward all the usual lines of work. I wish we were able to afford another worker, for we can not do our work well when there are so many demands.

"He answered all my prayer abundantly,
And crowned the work that to His feet I brought
With blessings more than I had asked or thought."

Another year's record is made and souls have been born into the Kingdom of God. How much prayer, how much faithful seed-sowing we need these days! The foundations must be laid broad and deep, that our work may stand the test of time and eternity.

A great railroad kept a force of men busy for a winter and summer at the crossing of a river near New York City. Day after day during the changing seasons divers went down into the waters. There was much bustle and much using of material, but in the opinion of many thousands of travelers who passed by there seemed to be nothing to show for all the work. The railroad divers were laying pier foundations, and in the course of time there rose above the river surface a few concrete piers. Here was a showing finally; but it hardly seemed worth the time and money necessary to produce it. But now a bridge has been laid over those piers, and along that bridge goes a great and constant stream of life, supported by the slowly produced piers.

Dr. F. Wright says, "We are laying the foundations in Utica, and results are not visible yet."

The words found in John 11:22, also John 11:40 have come to me with wonderful force, and I believe that it is possible that many of these foreigners will be yet saved if we have faith in God. In this faith let us go forward.

Vermont Conference District Deaconess Work.

Northfield, Vermont.

Mrs. A. H. Webb, *President.*

During the past year each district in the Conference has had the services of a deaconess, and faithful, effective work has been done by our helpers, Miss Vose, Miss Wilson, and Miss Corps. As leaders of the young people at the camp-meetings and in the charges as pastors' assistants, as helpers in evangelistic services, they have proved themselves of great value, while the aid they rendered in song at the Annual Conference was much appreciated.

One of the serious problems before us is that of reaching the people in the rural sections, and it is just at this point that our district deaconesses have been specially useful in seeking out those who, because of indifference or for one reason or another, have drifted away from the Church and its influence and are being lost to the religious life of the communities in which they dwell. We believe the deaconess is a very important factor in winning these people back to the Christian way.

We regret the transfer of Miss Vose to another field, but are glad that Miss Crawford could be secured to take her place, and also deem ourselves fortunate in having Miss Chayer to do Conference work during her summer vacation and to give the address at our camp-meeting anniversaries. The Conference Society faces the coming year with hope and courage.

Vermont Conference Deaconess Home and Italian Mission.

83 Berlin Street, Barre, Vt.

Miss Marion Wilson, *Superintendent.*

"It looks like the Lord was good to youse," said an Italian boy, as he looked around the pleasant sitting room of the "Home" for the first time. And surely God has smiled upon His workers and the work.

Two years ago the Barre Mission consisted of a lot paid for by members of Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church, a building fund of

about $400, an appropriation of $1,200 by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension—a vision of the needs, a large faith in God, and the constituency of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Now the neatly furnished chapel, owned by the Society and free from debt, is doing good work for God and humanity in the Italian Settlement of that city. The Sunday school has maintained an average attendance of nearly one hundred for several months of the year.

The industrial classes are not merely for the purpose of teaching basket making and sewing, but to come into closer acquaintance with boys and girls. They are already asking, "When are we to have basket classes again?"

July 6, 1911, the Vermont Conference Deaconess Home was purchased, and possession given September 1st. This is a social center for the young people. They thoroughly enjoy the "Christmas parties" and other social evenings.

The executive meeting of the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was held at the Home July 10th. After the business session, the Home was dedicated.

Mrs. A. H. Webb, President, presided. Rev. Dr. F. H. Wright, Superintendent of Italian Missions in the United States, and Rev. Wm. Shan, Chairman of the Conference Deaconess Board, conducted the dedicatory service. Dr. Wright, who had been present at the dedication of the chapel less than two years before, spoke of the encouraging advance that had been made since his previous visit, and congratulated the Society upon the success of its efforts.

There have been several changes in the personnel of the workers during the year. Miss Marion Wilson, for a year and a half the St. Johnsbury District deaconess, has been assigned to the superintendency of the Home and Mission, and will begin her duties about September 1st. Mrs. Alice C. Curtis, who has been in charge since July 14, 1910, will, after a much needed rest, enter upon field work for the Mission and for the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Vermont Conference.

Another year of blessed service for the Master is in the past. The work and workers are in His hands, and all gladly say, "Lord, if I may, I serve another day."

Washington Deaconess Home and Orphanage.

917 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Miss Ella M. Bateman, *Superintendent.*

We have been highly favored in our Home during the past year, as no sickness has come near our dwelling.

The year opened with two deaconesses at Union Station as "Travelers' Aid," two at Rosedale Mission, and two doing parish work. Soon after the holidays Miss Worthington left Rosedale Mission for China, and Miss Smith was placed in charge, and with assistants from Rust Hall, Douglas Church, and other helpers she has carried forward the work as usual.

Several Churches in the city have had assistance, some for a short time, others more extended periods, throughout the year.

The work at the railroad station has been successfully continued during the entire year, with some changes in the workers. One deaconess was transferred to Buffalo, N. Y., in exchange for Miss Bateman, who did Travelers' Aid for several months. However, the opportunity for the opening of a Methodist Orphanage seemed to be at hand, and she has

been secured to have charge of it. The Lord has been mindful of us and abundantly blessed us, and we trust as the new work opens, kind friends will greatly assist in watchful care for the homeless little ones who are now and will be sheltered in our Home.

Wilmington Deaconess Home.

841 Tatnall Street, Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Margaret Sweet, *Superintendent.*

The year just closed has been abundant in labors, and as we look back, in realization of what has been accomplished in so brief a period and under circumstances at times so difficult, we are led to say, "What hath God wrought?"

Our workers, five in number, have gone on at the Master's bidding faithfully doing the work assigned them, cheered by His presence and inspired by His love. Industrial classes have been taught in three different centers. Two large kindergartens, classes in sewing, embroidery, basketry, gymnasium, Boys' Club, and Italian night school. The pupils aggregating in all 13,749. Spiritual contact has been accomplished through the Sunday school and Junior League and calling in the homes. There has been an aggregate attendance in these two kinds of work of 6,811. Entertainments of various kinds under different auspices have been given during the year. The religious and patriotic holidays also were suitably observed.

The social service demands made upon the Home have been met as far as possible, caring for the sick and needy, ministering not only to the material needs, but also to the spiritual.

Parish work has engaged the services of one deaconess. She found ample opportunities in the Sunday school and Junior League. The sick and bereaved have received her attention, and the needy supplied with material blessings through her kindly ministrations.

A project is now being agitated for a new Home in which settlement work can be carried on and which will add greatly to the efficiency of the missionary work being done in this city.

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Altoona, Pa.

2215 Broad Avenue.

Miss Ada May Trout, *Deaconess.*

Another year crowded with duties has passed. In looking back over it, we see so many things left undone that our hearts would be pained because more has not been accomplished, yet we realize that the past endeavors have been put forth to aid the pastor in his efforts to increase the efficiency of the Church to meet the needs of the children and young people in the various Church organizations in caring for the shut-ins and the invalids, and in various ways trying to further the cause of humanity.

Again, the deaconess has filled pulpits, has led prayer-meetings, and has assisted in all the services of the Church; has spoken at meetings

of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, at Church conventions, and has tried in every way to further and increase the efficiency of the entire Church organization. These form but a short résumé of the duties, but do not touch upon the joy that has been hers in meeting the needs of others.

Altoona, Pa.

1409 Eighth Avenue.

Miss Sadie Sheffer, *Deaconess.*

Again we come to report another year of work in the Italian section of our city, and as we work with the little ones we realize that they are at the impressionable age and are receiving seeds that will germinate into a life of usefulness through the children and the services rendered them. The homes of the Italians are opening to us, and thus we get at the hearts of the fathers and mothers, and in this way we find a more ready entrance for the teaching of our Savior.

Another year of service has been crowned with some success, and yet while we realize what has been done, there is so much more that needs to be accomplished that we feel we must serve still harder for larger efforts.

Burlington, Vt.

98 S. Winooski Street.

Miss Elizabeth Hanson, *Deaconess.*

Again another year of parish work in assisting the pastor in his large field. The deaconess has tried to keep in touch with the many phases of Church life and to aid the pastor in caring for strangers, the sick, suffering, and neglected ones. Clothing and food have been collected for the needy ones, and employment has been found for many through the agency of the deaconess. The cold New England winters make heavy demands upon all Church activities, for the poor are always with us. We are looking forward, trusting that our Heavenly Father will give us strength to serve another year in labors of love for Him.

Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Oak and Third Streets.

Miss Elizabeth Larish, *Deaconess.*

One more year has just closed, filled with duties similar to those reported a year ago. We have in this mining section of Pennsylvania many problems that do not exist in other communities. The vast foreign population, illustrating all shades of Catholic faith, or no faith at all; many of unrestrained habits of life; children accustomed to brutality; large populations in crowded quarters with no vision of the beautiful; these present difficulties not found outside of mining sections.

The Mission work has been carried forward as usual, and we are glad to report, as last year, that the girls who have long been in the Mission are now giving efficient aid in helping to train the younger ones of their nationalities. Work in Mt. Carmel means a hand to hand conflict with conditions so depressing that it needs a great deal of grace to rise above them.

The people of the city have again been generous in their gifts of clothing and food for the needy and supplying material for the sewing

classes, by which the children are taught to make garments for themselves. Through these activities and practical efforts we are finding our way into the hearts of the people.

CENTRAL DEACONESS BUREAU.

Miss E. Jean Oram, *Secretary.*

1920 East 93d Street, Cleveland, O.

Another year of good work and of steady growth, and an outlook bright with the promise of larger opportunity and of greater achievement —such is the report, briefly stated, which comes from each Home and Station in the Central Bureau.

And there is ever one marked plea—"Send us more workers!"

The statistical reports show an expansion in the industrial and institutional work to include almost every form of social-religious activity having for its object the protection and welfare of children and young people. The Church recognizes the need and appreciates the efficiency of the trained and consecrated deaconess in that practical ministry by which is expressed the Christ-spirit of love, service, and sacrifice for others. If advancement along the line of that ministry is to continue, a larger number of young women, inspired with the desire to serve and having the necessary qualifications to render effective Christian service, must be sought out and prepared for that service.

However great the need of deaconesses, there must be no letting down, but rather a raising of the standard of educational and other qualifications deemed necessary from candidates for that office. This was the conclusion reached at the Deaconess Conference for the Bureau, held March 20th to 22d at Aldrich Memorial Home in Grand Rapids. Only by maintaining a high standard of equipment can a high standard of efficiency be attained.

Other problems arising in deaconess work were discussed at the Conference, and possible solutions and their methods presented. To specially trained workers were assigned for discussion the topics which had to do with special departments of work. Co-operation with other agencies, the scientific investigation of "cases," and the keeping of accurate and complete records of such cases, were discussed and endorsed by the Conference.

The Conference recommended that, so far as possible, uniform record blanks be used throughout the Bureau, and that blanks for reporting the work be so revised as to insure a greater economy in time and labor expended, without sacrificing accuracy and a sufficient comprehensiveness.

The next Conference will be held in 1914 at either Buffalo or Pittsburgh.

Aldrich Deaconess Home and Training School.

523 Lyon Street, N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Ella O. Hartshorn, *Superintendent.*

We are glad to be able to close the year with the consciousness of God's approval upon us. He has put His seal upon our work in a most wonderful way, so that our weak efforts, multiplied by His strength, have been crowned with a good measure of success.

We entered upon the year with nine deaconesses in the Home, but Thanksgiving Day Miss Park left our ranks to enter a home of her own. She is now Mrs. L. F. Watson, of Colon, Mich.; and the first of January, Miss Nagler severed her relation with us to enter Albion College, where she is now a student.

In November our deaconess in charge of our settlement work was taken ill and has not yet been able to resume her work. Owing to this illness the work became somewhat disorganized, as we could not secure another deaconess to take her place, and were obliged to depend on different workers for short periods; but even out of this God gave us wonderful victory in a very gracious revival, in which about twenty found Christ as a personal Savior.

This is the first summer we have undertaken fresh air work; but this summer, through the kindness of Summit Epworth League, Ludington, we were enabled to give a delightful two weeks' outing to sixteen needy children.

Our Boy Scout work has been our especial pride and comfort at the settlement this year, and several boys who had become almost incorrigible have developed into fine, gentlemanly, industrious boys.

Miss Chatterson, class of '09, who has been connected with the Newark Home since her graduation, came to us the middle of May and has since been giving acceptable service in this needy field.

Our Travelers' Aid deaconess, at the Union Station, has had a very good year, performing the office of friend to many in need. She has given aid and helpful service to 1,586 persons, besides giving information and ministering good cheer and encouragement to many more.

Our Training School has been making good advancement, though our numbers are small. Seven students have been enrolled the past year—all earnest, capable young women who give promise of lives of usefulness in the Church. The two who were graduated in May entered at once upon deaconess work, and both are giving excellent service. We have a class of three to be consecrated at our Annual Conference.

Our Faculty has been up to the usual high standard this year, and we owe much to these great-hearted pastors, physicians, and teachers, who, out of a busy life, cheerfully give the time and strength necessary to make our teaching force equal in efficiency to that of any training school.

It was our great privilege to entertain our Central Bureau Deaconess Institute in March. The attendance was good, the addresses and discussions were all of a high order, and the spirit of the entire session was excellent. Altogether, it was a very successful gathering, and it was a source of large inspiration and encouragement to the members of our Home and School.

Our aim throughout the year has been in increase the efficiency of our Home and School, and to show forth the Christ-spirit to those to whom the Master permits us to minister. While we have not been able to accomplish what we should like, we are looking forward into the new year with increased faith and stronger purpose to make our work count more for the Kingdom of Christ.

A beautiful spirit has pervaded our home life. Every effort has had the united, loyal support of every deaconess and every student, and a marked advance in spiritual life has been evident.

Cleveland Deaconess Home.

2233 E. 55th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Laura Morris, *Superintendent.*

The Cleveland Home reports another year of continued prosperity. The new Home, purchased a year ago, has proved to be even better suited to the needs of the work than had been anticipated. The rooms, twenty in all, have been newly furnished, either by individuals or societies, and the whole house presents a beautiful and attractive appearance, with a homelike atmosphere that is greatly enjoyed by the family of workers. The Home was dedicated by Bishop W. F. Anderson on September 19th, members of the North-East Ohio Conference, which was in session in Epworth Memorial Church of this city, attending in a body.

The deaconesses of this Home were especially favored by having the privilege of attending the National Conference of Charities and Correction, held in this city in the month of June.

The Travelers' Aid work grows in importance each year. At the Union and Erie Depots assistance was given to 374 girls and 851 women and children.

In the social and religious work at St. Luke's Hospital unlimited opportunities for service are offered to the deaconess who is stationed there, in looking after the families of the charity patients, carrying sunshine and good-cheer to the sick, and hope and courage to the friends who are anxiously waiting for the recovery of loved ones.

The West Side Cottage has become a real neighborhood center, a place where the women and children come to bring their troubles or to share their joys. The workers must be ready to respond to any emergency in any of the homes in which they minister: ready to take the part temporarily of physician, nurse, or pastor. Each department of the work at the Cottage has so increased in numbers that the buildings are overcrowded. We are glad to report that plans are under way for raising of money with which to put up a new building adequate to the needs of the work.

Our fresh air work at Epworth Camp, Painesville, Ohio, continues to be the center of interest to the Epworth Leaguers of Northern Ohio. Excursions were planned on the holidays so that the Leaguers might visit the camp and see the work which they are supporting. Two hundred and ninety-two children were taken care of in nine different groups last year. Many lives were made stronger and better because of the ten days spent in the country, where they were taught many useful things, and given a new vision and a new standard of life. The mothers and babies, too, have a chance to get away from the heat of the city. Sixty-four women and fifty-three children spent ten happy days at Mothers' Camp. It is not easy to understand just what these ten days, free from care and responsibility, mean to these women. One mother expressed it when she said, "O, I am just a little girl again and as happy as I can be!"

As we review the work of the year we realize that mistakes have been made, that we have not been able to measure up to our own standards, and yet we know that we have conscientiously tried to do our best and are willing to leave the results in the hands of the One who said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Detroit Deaconess Home and Tillman Avenue Settlement.

50 Selden Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

MRS. MARGARET DELIGHT MOORS, *Superintendent.*

The Detroit Deaconess Home, the first organized among the great number under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has never sounded a discordant note, and our song to-day is one of joy and praise.

The year closes with a record of good work done and new calls for greater and better service, which we trust we shall be able to perform. Fort Street Mission, under the direction of the City Union of Epworth Leagues, preserved its usual standard of excellent service. Tillman Avenue Settlement was never in as good condition as at present, and the work of the past year has been most creditable.

Our old property on Elizabeth Street was sold at a great advance over the original cost, and a new property purchased which is a delight to the deaconess family and friends.

Now our message is this: Let the great family of the Woman's Home Missionary Society pray that we co-workers may—

> "Measure our life by loss instead of gain;
> Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth;
> For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice,
> And whoso suffers most hath most to give."

Genesee Conference Deaconess Home.

292 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

MISS CLARA A. MILLS, *Superintendent.*

MRS. EMMA A. TURNEY, *Superintendent of Orphanage.*

Just how effective has been the work during the past year the Father only knows. We bring to Him our gifts, and press forward. Our parish workers have been zealous in their labors for the Churches, receiving for their reward the joy that cames in bearing burdens for others and winning souls for Christ. Their evangelistic efforts have been crowned with success. Travelers' Aid work has continued night and day. This work is world-wide, reaching people of all nations, journeying from ocean to ocean.

The children—we have listened to their cry, and after protecting scores, it dawned upon us to "Go forward" and establish a Home for these dependent little ones. We wish it were possible at this writing to state that we have our farm with its new cottages. We may say, however, with assurance, it is near at hand. While waiting, fifteen homeless ones are for the summer with me at Chautauqua. This new enterprise has awakened interest throughout our city. Indeed, it was through our public school teachers and the surrogate at City Hall that the work was forced upon us. Through the training these children have received since coming to us we already see blessed results. The task is not easy for us, but in performing it and bringing sunshine into their lives, we learn more and more how to be ourselves strong, firm, and kind. We would "Live Higher," nearer to the reach of angels in their trustfulness. Learn

their unselfishness ere we can teach others whom we would bless. We intend each year to do more and more for the world's evangelization; therefore, there must be the deepest consecration to service on our part.

Harrisburg Deaconess Home.

402 S. Second Street.

Miss Sarah Ellen Mardorff, *Superintendent.*

A new Home has been opened in this Bureau at the above address in Harrisburg. The two faithful sisters, Misses Martha and Ellen Tomkinson, have helped to forward the interests of this institution. Miss Mardorff has been most faithful and is pressing forward in this good work. We hope another year to have more crystallized conditions and to be able to give a larger report of this new undertaking, for this is to be the Deaconess Home of the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Holloway Deaconess Home.

Bridgeport, Ohio.

Mrs. Lillian Hale Welday, *Superintendent.*

This year completes twelve years of service at the Holloway Deaconess Home, and the work in all its departments has grown steadily. Seven Churches have been served. Industrial work has been done in several parishes, many foreign children attending the classes. The kindergarten at Benwood has had a large attendance. Clubs have been conducted weekly for the boys and girls, as well as sewing and cooking classes for the girls. These classes have been a means of approach to hearts which were ready for religious teaching.

Five deaconesses and two probationers have composed our family, and they have been abundant in their labors of love in the Churches and among the needy. They have given full proof of their ministry, for the hungry have been fed, the destitute clothed, the sick cared for, and the poor ministered unto—for we have served Him through serving humanity.

Travelers' Aid work has been done at the stations in Wheeling with gratifying results.

We thank God for another year of service and for the noble men and women who have supported our work, and for the consecrated workers who have toiled so faithfully in the Master's vineyard.

Indianapolis Deaconess Home.

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Miss Mary A. Knapp, *Superintendent.*

For a number of years several deaconesses have been performing faithfully duties laid upon them in this city, and their record has been most excellent. They are hereafter to enjoy their new Home, and duties will not be so severe. Their reports as station workers will be found in Deaconess Stations.

Irene Maitland Deaconess Home.

124 N. Jefferson Street, New Castle, Pa.

Miss Etta Babbitt, *Superintendent.*

Another year has come to a close and we have reason for rejoicing over the prosperity that has attended us.

The Home each year becomes more homelike and more perfectly adapted to our needs. Supplies of various kinds have been sent by the Woman's Home Missionary Societies and Queen Esther Circles, which were greatly appreciated. Our financial outlook was not bright during the year, but He who promised to supply all our needs verified His promise to us.

Our workers have been faithful in the performance of their duties and God's blessing has rested upon us.

Miss Jennie Anderson, parish deaconess for the First Methodist Episcopal Church, has been abundant in labors, and her work is much appreciated. The results of her loving service for the Master will be difficult to estimate. Miss Anna Hall, who has been with us for several months, has proved to be a valuable addition to our working force. The Rescue Mission claims her entire time and effort.

Because of the need of deaconess work in the weaker Churches of our city, another deaconess will be added to our number in the early fall.

Our prayer is that greater things may be accomplished for the Master than we have been able to do in the past year.

McKelvey Deaconess Home.

72 S. Washington Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. E. J. Rogers, *Superintendent.*

With grateful hearts we look back upon the year which has just closed. God indeed has been good to us in providing for our needs and giving us the privilege of serving in His vineyard. The year has been crowded with service leaving behind blessed memories. Each deaconess has given labors abundant in her field.

Miss Freedeman, who spent the past year in the Washington Training School, has returned to us and taken up her work at Mt. Vernon Avenue Church.

The work on the West Side, under the supervision of Miss Hammill, has developed some new features along the line of a Boys' Club and a Girls' Gymnasium Class. A Queen Esther Circle numbering twenty-four was organized during the winter.

The South Side Settlement has had a prosperous year. With the aid of twenty volunteer workers, we have met some of the problems in this section. By the means of the boys' clubs and the girls' cooking and sewing classes, music classes, Mothers' Meetings, and the dispensary (opened twice a week, with a district nurse and two physicians in attendance), we have relieved the suffering and have aided these foreigners in their efforts to become American citizens.

Miss Greenough has been very effective in her work at the Reeb Avenue Mission, organizing and conducting Mission Study classes, cottage prayer-meetings, opening a reading room for young men, and ministering to the people in her house-to-house visitation. About sixty boys and girls have been sent to fresh air camps.

We appreciate the kindness of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies, Queen Esther Circles, Junior and Epworth Leagues, and all others, in sending us supplies and otherwise aiding God's workers and helping to spread His Kingdom on earth. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

Pittsburgh Deaconess Home.

2000 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Margaret Boswell, *Superintendent.*

We have much cause for thanksgiving for the opportunities of service that we have enjoyed during the past year. Our well-equipped Deaconess Home has been a great blessing, particularly to the older deaconesses, who knew what sacrifice meant in the pioneer days.

The Deaconess Board and sisters of the Woman's Home Missionary Society have been most considerate in supplying our needs. The Churches, Sunday schools, and Epworth Leagues have been generous.

The deaconesses have ministered to over thirteen thousand persons in homes and to needs in the railroad station. Five Churches and six missions have been served. Two deaconesses have been on duty all year at the depot and have conducted many young girls and women to the Young Women's Christian Association or safe hotels. Some young women have been brought to the Deaconess Home, and have been very grateful for the little room devoted to the Travelers'. Aid work. The kindergarten has been well sustained. Miss Collins accompanied a number of mothers and children to the Fresh Air Home. Miss Cameron is Matron again, and has been assisted by two deaconesses and a number of volunteer helpers.

Miss Schrader entered the Home last fall as a probationer, and served faithfully in nursing and settlement work at the Deaconess Home. She is now in training at Sibley Hospital and will be our nurse deaconess.

We are affiliated with the Associated Charities, and our deaconesses are much relieved with the assistance given when special cases need investigation. Real constructive work has been done. Much inspiration and help has been derived from our Social Service Club work, bringing us in contact with the best people of the city.

We are much encouraged as several of our own Conference girls are anxious to enter the Home.

"Lord, if we may we 'll serve another day."

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Mary Knapp, *Superintendent.*

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

The difficulties and uncertainties that have been met in this new labor of love have at last vanished, and this Home is now ours. It is reported with the other Homes. We feel like singing the doxology, for this is indeed the work of His hand, and from Him have flowed the blessings that have made concrete our prayers.

Our city has long been familiar with our deaconess work, and because of their faithful service and because of the mothering care given by the local board, the work has prospered.

I desire to congratulate Methodism of Indianapolis upon its faithful labor and its success in this undertaking. "A local habitation and a name" make concrete much that otherwise must be lost.

These deaconesses now have their *Home*, where they can have companionship with those who are giving their lives for the same noble cause. May God's richest blessings rest upon this house and make it truly His dwelling place!

MISS LOTTIE CONNER, *Deaconess.*

Miss Conner has served as deaconess at the Italian Mission, where there is unlimited opportunity for service. To these foreign people she has been a friend—visiting in the homes, giving material relief when necessary, nursing the sick, teaching the children and young people in night schools and Sunday school. Lasting results must follow her earnest, patient work.

We pray that God's choicest blessings may rest upon her in the new field to which she feels she is called.

MISS IRENE DUNCAN, *Deaconess.*

It is needless to say that this, my first year of deaconess work, has been the happiest year I have ever known. Although stationed with Central Avenue Church, one-half of my time has been given to charity work under the direction of our city organization. Because of the very severe weather of last winter, many cold and hungry families were found. While ministering to their material needs and listening to pathetic stories of past days, an opportunity often came to tell them of One who knew and understood, of One who not only could give them daily bread, but the Bread of Life.

Besides this work, my time has been given to parish calling and Bible study classes among the women and children. I have also assisted in the work of the night school at our Italian Mission. I feel that God's blessing has been with us during the past year, and I pray that during the coming year we may be guided by His wisdom and love in all the labor undertaken in His name.

MISS ANNA MORRIS, *Deaconess.*

Our work during the past year has been for the most part that of parish deaconess. We have been assisting the pastors in visiting the unchurched, the sick, and the sorrowing, and filling pulpits as occasion demanded. The work has not been confined to any one class of people, as we have long had it impressed upon our hearts that there is no dividing line between rich and poor when it comes to real need; all stand on one common level and must drink at the same "Fountain Head," which is Christ Jesus.

God has blessed us in many instances to see the fruits of our endeavors, so that we feel more determined than ever to go forward "for the love of Christ and in His name."

MISS SADIE OSBORNE, *Deaconess.*

My first year's work in Indianapolis has been one of great satisfaction. I am visiting deaconess for one of the city Churches located in the mission field. Through the help of others, we have taken a mother

and four children from damp basement rooms and located them in two neat rooms, thus giving them a start. The father has returned and is providing for the family. He has stopped drinking, and they now have seven rooms instead of two. We feel we are well repaid for our efforts. Many other neglected little ones have been cared for.

It has been my privilege to cheer the sick in homes and hospitals by taking them "comfort powders;" that is, flowers, dainties, clothing, and provisions, and reading to them from God's Word. It has been mine to sit by the bedside of the dying, bringing words of comfort. Fallen young women have come and been led to the "foot of the cross." Some have been rescued from the white slave traffic. These are rejoicing with me to-day that they have found Christ and the better way.

Since coming to this field a Woman's Home Missionary Society has been organized.

I am superintendent of a large Home Department for the Sunday school, and also the Cradle Roll Department. My class of young women in the Sunday school come from all parts of the city.

The prayer of my heart is:

"To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O, may it all my powers engage,
To do my Master's will!"

Miss Josie Ragle, *Deaconess.*

Most of the year has been spent in visiting the sick, the needy, and especially the stranger. Through the kindness of friends, I have been able to supply some of the needy with food, fuel, and clothing. I have taught in the Sunday school and assisted in all the departments of the Church. It has been a pleasure to carry the glad tidings of the gospel to those who are out of the fold of Christ, and He has given me strength for every duty.

Ashland, Ky.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, *Deaconess.*

As pastor's assistant I have done a great deal of calling on the sick and destitute, giving both material and spiritual aid; have taught in the Sunday school, and have directed the work of the Junior League. I have had a sewing school with a large regular attendance.

Once a week I have held noonday meetings with the girls at the shoe factory, where forty girls are employed. There have been nine conversions among them, which filled my heart with joy. A club has been organized for these girls. We have been studying the lives of great and good women, and subjects through which I hope they may gain a better knowledge of life and may learn how to build strong, fine characters.

This has been a pleasant year. The Lord is leading, keeping, using me. I am trusting all to Him.

Kokomo, Ind.

917 Washington Street.

Miss Blanche Brackney, *Deaconess.*

That the deaconess at Kokomo has been "diligent in business, serving the Lord," is indicated by the following items taken from her report of

the year's work: Total number of calls made, 1,589; number of persons given material relief, 125; total number of meetings conducted or addressed, 123; number hours spent in nursing, 128; aggregate number taught in Sunday school, 300; in Junior League, 940. During the special evangelistic services the deaconess directed the meetings for young people, and had the joy of leading thirty-two young men and women to Jesus.

Olive Hill, Ky.

Miss Donna Cooley, *Deaconess.*

This has been a year of active service. God has been with me and greatly blessed the efforts put forth. The first five months were given to Travelers' Aid work in Lexington, the remaining months among the beautiful hills of Eastern Kentucky. My work for the Church has been visiting the sick, the sorrowing, and neglected; organizing the Cradle Roll and Home Departments, organizing and superintending a Mission Sunday school, and social work among the young people. Good interest has been manifested in Woman's Home Missionary Society work. In February a Queen Esther's Circle was organized, and has been working faithfully to raise $25 for the naming of a window in our new Industrial School. The Home Guards and Jewels, organized in March, have had very interesting and enthusiastic meetings and have pledged $10 for naming of a door in our school. The girls in the sewing class have been interested in their work and have done well. While visiting in the homes I have grasped every opportunity offered to speak a word for our Christ, and through prayer have led the burdened and sin-scarred to seek the Lord. Precious have been the hours spent with the children talking about and with God.

Ridgeway, Pa.

Miss Martha E. Bowers, *Deaconess.*

A deaconess entered the parish of Trinity Church, Ridgeway, Pa., on the 1st of September, 1911. She assists the pastor in various ways. Her labors and influence have gone out into all the Church societies. The county hospital and jail furnish fields in which seed has been sown which must bring forth fruit. Untiringly this deaconess labors for her Church and community, and our Heavenly Father is rewarding her labors.

NORTHERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

23 Arundel Street, St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Benjamin Longley, *Superintendent.*

As only one week has elapsed since I have known positively of my appointment as Secretary of this Northern Bureau, I have simply scanned the field to know of its extent. I find that in this territory there are eleven Conferences, and most of them mission fields crowded with necessities and questions for the future that will require close discrimination and careful investigation for the best interests of the same. In this task, as in others, "We do not pray for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks," and the Master said, "Ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."

This labor of love will be undertaken because it is for the Master. In stepping out upon His promises, we shall expect the blessing.

Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School.

1155 W. Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Rev. J. R. Woodcock, D. D., *President.*

Our prayer this year has been—

"Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee."

The deaconesses and students have tried to answer their own prayers by doing for others the past year.

A few of the things done are these: 54 families given Thanksgiving dinners; 9,758 garments were given to the poor of the city, while the value of the new clothing, food, and toys given out was $660.

Many people throughout the State of Iowa have also been doing for others by sending boxes and barrels of supplies to the Deaconess Home, which have been willingly and generously given and have been received with great appreciation.

The family during the year has numbered 47, 30 of whom were students in the Training School; the Principal and her son; the President of the Home and School, with his family; the 11 deaconesses, and the housekeeper.

The year's work has been the very best the institutions have ever known. The trials, the difficulties, and the perplexities have been met and overcome through unfailing trust in the All-wise Father.

At the railroad stations 4,183 have been aided by the Travelers' Aid; 12,846 calls have been made by the deaconesses and students. Eternity alone can tell of the victories won, the souls who have been brought to Christ, and the hearts that have been made lighter by the faithfulness of God's children.

We wish to thank one and all, teachers and friends, who have in any way helped to make possible the work that has been accomplished. May God abundantly bless you, each one. And as God has so richly blessed us the past year, we pray His continued blessings to rest upon the future work of the Home and School.

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The above was prepared by Miss Strickler, who, because of ill health, was compelled to resign from the superintendency. She will be greatly missed, but the work is going forward with every prospect of success. The desire of every worker should be—

Though the worker must rest, the work must not cease.

Duluth Deaconess Home.

216 East Fourth St., Duluth, Minn.

Miss Maude Severance, *Superintendent.*

The deaconess work in Northern Minnesota has steadily advanced during the past year. God has been good to us and others in sending other workers to be added to our number.

Our field in this north county is peculiarly a mission field, and plans are being developed which will enable us to do larger work in mission lines the coming year.

Duluth is the port of entry for a large foreign population pouring into this Northland. Our two Travelers' Aid deaconesses find their hands and hearts more than full as they meet these neighbors from over the sea who are coming to find a home and a chance in our beloved America.

Our Finnish deaconess, Miss Thompson, who has been absent on a visit to her homeland, has returned and is again taking up work most efficiently among her own people. It means much to these strangers in a strange land to have one of "their own" come to them with the gospel message.

We are rejoiced that our number of workers has increased, and in God's good time we are confidently expecting to be in a "home of our own." Thus far we have lived in rented quarters, but we feel that the time has come when the work demands a larger and more convenient Home.

Our faith is strong that God has large things in store for us this coming year.

Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home.

181 West College Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Stella Connor, *Superintendent.*

The year closes with eight deaconesses connected with the Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home. These have been working in the capacity of parish, juvenile court worker, nurse, Travelers' Aid, city missionary, and Conference deaconesses.

This fall two more workers have joined our ranks, thus increasing our family to ten.

Our work is growing, and the outlook for the future is encouraging. Honest, earnest service has been done, and we leave the results with Him whose we are and whom we serve.

Shesler Deaconess Home.

Sioux City, Iowa.

Miss Susie Morton, *Superintendent.*

Grateful to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings, we make the following report:

The greater part of the year eleven workers have been actively engaged in Sioux City, Ft. Dodge, and different points in the Northwest Iowa Conference. The direct Christian service to the foreigner, the poor, the ill, and the ignorant has been supplemented with classes in domestic science and sewing, mothers' meetings, girls' clubs, night schools, and gymnasium classes have also been conducted. The Wall Street Institutional, Haddock Memorial, and Crescent Park churches, under the ministry of our devoted deaconesses, have made most satisfactory progress. The Travelers' Aid deaconesses have had the privilege of comforting many and guiding innocent feet into paths of safety. One worker has faithfully served the Ft. Dodge churches, and two others have conducted, and assisted in special services in the towns and villages of our Conference.

We had hoped to report our new Home in process of erection, but circumstances which we could not control have prevented it. However, our Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference are coming forward with generous offers of assistance and, with some substantial subscriptions made by our friends, we hope to have our desires fulfilled when the next report is written.

Black Hills Mission Deaconess Work.

Rapid City, S. D.

Miss Elva L. Wade, *Superintendent.*

Miss Cartes K. Swartz, *Field Deaconess.*

Great local pressure was brought to bear upon the Woman's Home Missionary Society urging the establishment by the Society of a hospital in Rapid City. So great are the needs in this section that we have opened a hospital at this place, and it is receiving enthusiastic support from the best people of that section of our land. Two able deaconesses are already at work for these needy people, and their work is being crowned with success.

The long, severe winter made the past year harder and expenses heavier than usual, but our friends have been loyal. Rejoicing in the love of our Heavenly Father, and with His strength given us, we take up our tasks for another year.

WESTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

2762 Charlotte Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. John W. Bush, *Secretary.*

"They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following."

Nearly 2,000 years ago Mark wrote these words to tell of the work Christ's disciples were doing for the spread of the gospel, and through all the ages they have testified to the divine partnership existing between the Savior of the world and His faithful followers.

In this year of 1912 the report of the Western Deaconess Bureau might be summed up in the same paragraph; for throughout this entire territory devoted deaconesses, disciples of this same Jesus, have gone about telling the same gospel story to a thoughtless, heedless multitude. With loving hearts and courageous spirits they have gone alone, save that "the Lord was with them," into congested city centers where language and customs were strange and unknown; into mining camps and waste places of the frontier; into the cheerless prairie cabin and over mountain plateaus, but from each and every one comes the report of the "confirming of the Word with signs following."

In a neglected mountain district, where for some years there had been no preacher, one of the deaconesses, working under the direction of the District Superintendent, has conducted regular services at four points, with Sunday school and Young People's Societies; also organized a Sunday school at a new point where a church will soon be erected.

Another one was sent to assist a pastor who had nine preaching points on the plains. These places were nearly all without railroad connection and many miles apart; there were only two churches in the county, school-houses being used for religious services. The pastor and

deaconess divided the work between them; a revival campaign continued throughout the year and many souls were saved.

A little handful of Italians gathered together in one of our large cities has developed into a strong church, for which a fine institutional building has been erected.

From Western Kansas one writes: "Spent this month in a revival at a country point. Drove many miles through the day; led the singing, and assisted in personal work at nights; number led to Christ directly, seven; Sunday school reorganized."

One faithful worker writes from a sparsely settled territory: "In nine months I have organized twelve Auxiliaries of the W. H. M. S., three Queen Esther Circles, four Home Guards, three Mothers' Jewels, secured 32 subscribers for Woman's Home Missions, and 142 subscribers for Children's Home Missions."

Our Travelers' Aid deaconesses in Des Moines alone have helped over 4,000 cases. Who can tell in what "distant vale" the little word spoken to a discouraged soul may "set the joy bells ringing."

As these reports come in, they are not only encouraging because of the "signs following," but each one is so permeated with the joy of service that they are much like Wordsworth's "Happy Warrior"—

> "Who, not content that former worth stand fast,
> Looks forward, persevering to the last;
> From well to better, daily self-surpassed."

The Deaconess Homes of this Bureau have had a most encouraging and prosperous year. Extensive improvements have been added where we own property, and at Sioux City and Duluth it is to be hoped new buildings will be acquired before another year closes.

There is a deeper note of sadness in this year's report than ever before, for the Death Angel has made frequent visits and taken home some of the most faithful friends and workers from the deaconess cause. We miss the far-seeing wisdom of Dr. and Mrs. Alderman, the cheery counsel of Kate Stratton. The deaconess's reports are closed here, to be opened hereafter, and we labor on, remembering that we have an all-wise Leader who doeth all things well.

As we go forth for the work of another year, may the ideal of each worker be to reveal the glory of Christ to every soul with whom we come in contact, thus making this life worth while and heaven a surer heritage.

Margaret Evans Deaconess Home.

1630 Ogden Street, Denver, Colo.

ISABEL C. LEITCH, *Superintendent.*

During the past year ten deaconesses have been connected with this Home. Late in January Miss Gillespie was transferred and is now working in East St. Louis, where she serves as pastor's assistant.

The Home has been fortunate in having some special work in the Conference this year.

Miss Helms has had charge of a neglected mountain appointment where for some years there has been no pastor. Working under the direction of the District Superintendent, she has conducted regular worship at four points, with Sunday school, young people's societies, etc. One new Sunday school was organized, and a church will be erected at that place.

Miss Cummings was sent early in the Conference year to assist a pastor on the plains. Nine preaching points made up this circuit, and these were many miles apart, with for the most part no railroad connections. Only two church buildings in the county, school houses being used for religious services. A revival campaign continued through the year, the pastor and Miss Cummings dividing the work between them. Many souls were saved.

Miss Swickheimer, at Colorado Springs, has carried specially heavy burdens, the pastor having been ill much of the year. This deaconess has made herself indispensible to Colorado Springs Methodism.

The mission work grows in interest and in favor with the public. Miss Manning, at the Italian mission, is "full of good works." A new church is being erected for its housing, which will be developed along institutional as well as spiritual lines. The Italian people respond readily to the influences of the gospel and soon become "living witnesses" to the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Miss McPherson, at Epworth mission, has assisted in the various lines of institutional Church activity, with the Girls' Lunch Club and children's soup kitchen. She has conducted sewing, cooking, and kindergarten classes, Boys' club and Junior League, and has visited in the homes of the people.

Miss Sigler has served several of the city missions for short periods, and St. James Church for the last six months. Going in and out of the homes and carrying the gospel message to many a hungry heart, as well as in many other ways, has she ministered to the needs of the people.

To Trinity come the problems of a downtown Church, and the deaconess, Miss Marian Harris, finds much to do in relief work and in ministering to the spiritual needs of hundreds of young people in hotels and boarding houses, besides the regular Sunday school and Church work and visiting in the homes.

For over five years Miss Gamble had served Grace Church most effectively. At New Year's time she entered the evangelistic field and served with success several churches in the Conference.

A new hot-water heating plant has been installed in the Home, at a cost of over $700. Other repairs have been made and much more planned for. The debt on the Home has been reduced to $2,800. We are looking forward to "broader fields" of operation for the coming year. We are asking the guidance of the One who never makes a mistake, and to Him we give praise for the measure of success we have enjoyed.

Southwest Kansas Deaconess Home and Training School.

457 N. St. Francis Ave., Wichita, Kas.

Miss Ida Hickman, *Superintendent.*

The year ending June 30, 1912, has been an encouraging one in our Home. The workers have realized something of the joy of service as well as some of the strain which must have been felt by Cleland B. McAfee when he penned the following lines:

"It is great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
In the fight for man and God!

Oh, it seams the face and it dries the brain,
It strains the arm till one's friend is Pain,
In the fight for man and God.

But it 's great to be where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
And to fight for man and God."

Ten deaconesses are at present working in our Conference, seven of whom have served the entire year; two began last fall, and our latest addition to the deaconess force was Miss Pendleton, who graduated from this Training School March 1st and has worked continuously since.

Miss Howard, who graduated in May from the Kansas City National Training School, entered our ranks this fall.

The departments of work being done are field, parish, nurse, and Travelers' Aid. During the year there has been an addition of eight rooms, made possible through the generosity of Mrs. George E. Campbell, and also a small sum of money from the Deaconess Board. Our Home now contains seventeen rooms.

We are looking into the coming year with much courage, hope, and faith. We trust that more work may be done for our Lord and that in all things He may be our Leader.

WESTERN BUREAU STATIONS.

Albuquerque, N. M.

Miss Edith Gorby, *Deaconess.*

Harwood Industrial Home.

This work demands a strong, well-balanced, sympathetic worker, as the needs are many and the work taxing. Miss Gorby is meeting the requirements with unusual ability and success.

Harwood Hospital, Albuquerque, N. M.

Miss Stella Corbin, *Superintendent.*

This work is in its beginnings and the perplexities are many and the opportunities very great.

Chanute, Kan.

Miss Blanche Freeman, *Deaconess.*

The past year has been one of strong, steady work at this point. Miss Freeman continues her work for the fourth year.

Clay Center District, Kansas Conference.

Miss Bertha Griffitts, *Deaconess.*

Miss Griffitts has been doing evangelistic work largely since beginning on this field and has been received with approval.

Enid, Okla.

Miss Gertie O'Rear, *Deaconess.*

This is parish work, with great opportunity, which Miss O'Rear is taking up with zest.

Hutchinson, Kan.

22 First Avenue, East.

Miss Minnie Leebrick, *Deaconess.*

Miss Leebrick is doing very effective work as parish worker and is greatly in love with her work.

North Nebraska Conference.

Miss Stella Crouse, *Deaconess.* Care of Mrs. Jas. Lough, Norfolk, Neb.

Miss Crouse is entering upon her duties with earnest purpose and is meeting with good success.

Northwest Kansas Conference.

Miss Addie Benedict, *Deaconess,* 400 S. Ninth Street, Salina, Kan.

With her years of experience Miss Benedict is able to do an unusually strong work in this Conference, both in evangelistic work and as Woman's Home Missionary Society worker.

Salina, Kan.

134 North Tenth Street.

Miss Clara Baxter, *Deaconess.*

First Church finds the work of this deaconess effective, and her work there will continue for the coming year.

Salina District, Northwest Kansas Conference.

Miss Blanche Yoxall, *Deaconess.*

Words of hearty appreciation are heard concerning the work being done by Miss Yoxall. The work of a district deaconess is always varied.

South Kansas Conference.

Miss Ollie Stewart, Miss Alberta Anderson, Miss Sarah P. Taylor, Miss Beulah Rayson, *Deaconesses.*

Miss Stewart still finds it impossible to take up the regular work, but is doing very practical service in caring for the sick at home. More work is found than can be done by the other workers, who are laboring faithfully.

St. Joseph, Mo.

Miss Mary J. Ryan and Miss Alice Walton, *Deaconesses.*

The work of these two deaconesses is divided between six Churches and is regular parish work as well as evangelistic.

Wellington, Kan.

Miss Lucy Howard, *Deaconess.*

Miss Howard has recently taken up this work, following Miss Stella Corbin, who went to Albuquerque after several years of efficient service. A cordial welcome has been accorded Miss Howard, and she is doing able work.

West Nebraska Conference.

Miss Elizabeth Hartman, *Deaconess.* Care of Rev. Bryant Howe, Cozad, Neb.

A warm welcome and plenty of work have greeted Miss Hartman as she begins her work in this Conference.

Winfield, Kan.

Miss Jane Barrows, *Deaconess.*

Very efficient service has been rendered by this worker, and the outlook for the coming year is full of promise.

NORTHWEST DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. W. S. Betts, *Secretary.*

1118 Eighth Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

The recent formation of this Bureau prevents any detailed report. Our only Deaconess Home in this Bureau is located at Sinuk, Alaska. In that far-off land two young women—one a deaconess and the other a missionary—are giving their strength and culture to those poor, far-off people. The gift of their young lives amid such isolation, so far from home and congenial companionship, is a marked illustration of the influence upon the human soul of the power divine. Dr. Nellie M. Cramer and Miss Inez V. Walthall are there experiencing the growth of the soul in ministering to those to whom little has been given.

In this Bureau are some Deaconess Stations which will be reported here next year, while this year they are to be found elsewhere.

PACIFIC COAST DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. John Stephens, *Secretary.*

3168 Twenty-first Street, San Francisco, Calif.

The work of the Pacific Coast Deaconess Bureau moves on most satisfactorily. Some changes have occurred during the year, but the work has suffered no interruption and is meeting with ever-increasing success.

The Churches in our great cities, with their many difficult racial and social problems to face, are becoming more deeply impressed with the value of trained service, and more deaconesses are engaged in parish work in these cities than ever before. Grace Church in San Francisco will employ two deaconesses this coming year, one of whom is to give her whole time to work among the children and young people of the Church.

The San Francisco National Training School has had a most prosperous year, graduating last June nine young ladies, who have gone forth into the service in various fields with fine equipment and strong faith. Miss Katherine Maurer, who was the president of her class, has taken up the work at the immigrant station on Angel Island, which was begun by Miss Pierson, who is now on leave of absence. The Government officials are most gracious and give every possible assistance to the deaconess, who stands ready to help in Christ's name any who may need her kindly aid. The value of this phase of missionary work has been fully demonstrated.

Some changes have come to the San Francisco Home. Miss McMillan, who was at one time resident teacher but who entered parish work last year, was married during the year and is now Mrs. W. J. Steele. Miss Hadley has resigned as a deaconess, but continues in the Travelers' Aid work under the direction of the Young Women's Christian Association. Miss Myser, who began the school year as resident teacher, was on account of ill-health obliged to return to her home in the East, and Miss Zaida Tyrrell, who had so efficiently filled this position in previous years, consented to return, to the delight of all.

Some repairs and improvements upon the property have been made, preparatory to the beginning of the fall term of the school. Every thing points to a most auspicious opening. The numbers of students are constantly increasing. The senior class of the new year will probably number ten, while an entering class of at least twelve are expected. We are fortunate indeed to have such leaders as Dr. and Mrs. Willis in charge of the National Training School, for they are greatly beloved and have the confidence of the entire Church. While splendid work has been done in the Training School and by the faithful parish workers, an equally helpful service has been rendered by Miss Hewitt, our nurse deaconess, who labors so quietly that we scarcely realize she is here until some grateful soul, blessed by her ministry of mercy and kindness, tells of what she has done.

The Rest Home at Beulah Heights, Oakland, has proved a haven of rest to several of our workers, and its quiet and peace appeal to all who are weary and worn.

The deaconess work of the Pacific Coast is the strong right arm of the Church in its fight against sin and unrighteousness, and by its Christ-like service to the poor and needy is preparing the way for the coming of His kingdom of righteousness and peace and love. God hasten the day!

Southern California Deaconess Home.

511 S. Westlake Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Mary E. Lunn, *Superintendent.*

The work in this busy center moves on steadily and with great success. There are twelve deaconesses engaged in various lines of work in the city itself and the region round about who report to this Home.

The year's record as told in statistics is a good one, but above all that may be told in figures we feel sure there has been much kindly and helpful service the value of which can never be estimated or set down in black and white. But the Lord takes notes of all that is done in His name and His "Well done" will be sufficient reward. Last January Mrs. Mullberger was succeeded in the superintendency of the Home by Miss Mary E. Lunn.

Death opened the door into a larger life for Miss Charlotte Lowry, who was one of the first deaconesses employed by First Church, Los Angeles, and who had been a patient sufferer for many months.

Davis Deaconess Home.

347 E. Fourth Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss C. E. Robinson, *Superintendent.*

We have had a crowded year, with duties multitudinous and many of these bearing upon the peculiar conditions that obtain in Utah, conditions so black that the enormity of these are scarcely realized by those not closely in touch with this section of our country. Our workers have tried to do much preventive work to aid the younger people to a larger vision of righteousness.

We go forward another year, having faith in God and recognizing in Him our only refuge.

DEACONESS STATIONS.

Boise, Idaho.

Miss Rebecca Weigle, *Deaconess.*

Miss Weigle has given another year of faithful service in this city, assisting the pastor in every possible way and especially looking after the sick and disconsolate. A total of 1913 calls, with many visits to hospitals and jails, is indicative of her fidelity as a parish worker.

Berkeley, Cal.

College Avenue.

Miss Emma Lane, *Deaconess.*

This growing church in the residence portion of Berkeley has had the service of Miss Lane for more than a year past. Her heart and hands are full to overflowing always in looking after strangers and getting them located and at work in the Church. Over a thousand calls have been made and fifty-one children have been brought into the Sunday school and Junior League.

Fresno, Cal.

First Church.

Miss Nellie Sanborn, *Deaconess.*

Miss Sanborn, who has been in evengelistic work for some years past, has this year had "a taste of real deaconess work again," acting as parish worker in First Church, Fresno. She has had a successful year, with some especially interesting cases which can not well be reported, but which are spiritual triumphs nevertheless.

Long Beach, Cal.

Miss Jessie Pratt, *Deaconess.*

Grace Church, Long Beach, has had the valuable services of Miss Pratt since January. She has spent several years in Travelers' Aid work in Los Angeles, but has greatly enjoyed the resumption of parish work. This is a delightful field in which to labor, and her faithful work is greatly appreciated.

Oakland, Cal.

First Church.

Miss Kathleen Weybrew, *Deaconess.*

An unusually busy year has fallen to the lot of Miss Weybrew. Unsettled conditions, owing to a change of church location, have called for constant fidelity in order that every department might be kept up to its customary high standard. Miss Weybrew has proved herself to be the pastor's valued helper in all the activities of this great church, and merits the hearty commendation so freely given her.

City Missions.

Miss Essie Jebb, *Deaconess.*

Miss Jebb has repeated her successes of other years in the efficiency with which she has served in this exacting field. Her calls number 1,665, but there is no way of estimating the influence of her life and teaching on the boys and girls who have been under her care.

Pasadena, Cal.

First Church.

Miss Ada Breckenridge, *Deaconess.*

Every possible help and encouragement from pastor and people has rendered the work of the deaconess in this church a source of great delight and inspired her to do her best always. As usual, Miss Breckenridge has had a busy year, and can look back upon some notable achievements with deep satisfaction.

Lake Avenue.

Miss Eunice Sayre, *Deaconess.*

Miss Sayre, a graduate of last year, has had a happy year in the service of this growing church. A record of 1,407 calls, with both material and spiritual help given to a large number, presents only an outline of work accomplished which shall abide forever.

Sacramento, Cal.

First Church.

In every line of church activity Mrs. Peck has proved herself a capable and devoted worker. She has labored in this church for four years, to the great satisfaction both of pastor and people, who show their appreciation by repeated evidences of their esteem for her labors of love.

San Pedro, Cal.

Miss Mary Reed, *Deaconess.*

Miss Reed continues to labor in this seaport town and has the consciousness of having given her best efforts to her work. The field is difficult, the Catholic element strong, and the people generally indifferent. Yet her industrial school has prospered, and good seed has been sown with the confident hope that God will in due time give the increase.

Watsonville, Cal.

Miss Lucy Reas, *Deaconess.*

This foreign missionary in the homeland has a peculiar field, but in some respects a promising one. In working among the Chinese her main hope is in inspiring the children to better things than their parents have ever known. Little Dorothy Lee, six years old, cried when taken to a church a year and a half ago. She now sings in English several of the children's songs, repeats the twenty-third psalm, and is a great favorite with the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society. A unique meeting of the Watsonville Auxiliary occurred when nineteen Chinese women were the guests at an afternoon tea.

BUREAU FOR THE SUPERVISION OF COLORED DEACONESS WORK.

Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, *Secretary.*

2231 St. James Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

This has been a year of great anxiety for the work of our Bureau. Many anxious days and nights have been spent in prayer and consecration for the blessing of the Master upon us.

Amid all these anxieties I have had the hearty and constant cooperation of Miss H. A. Bancroft, our General Superintendent for this Department; our President, Mrs. Robinson, and many others, and I hereby extend to them my earnest and sincere appreciation.

We hope in a short while to have plans fully matured so that the girls so anxious to prepare for service as deaconesses may have that opportunity. I am more convinced than ever that our Woman's Home Missionary Society can do more for our struggling colored girls than any other organization in the Church.

We are thankful that the interest of the people in our work has not lessened and that our friends are constantly giving to this worthy cause.

Our stationed deaconesses in St. Louis and another in Marshall, Texas, are doing good and successful work. The demand for more workers is increasing and we hope to be able to supply it in the near future.

The Training School, for which we have so long planned but which has been waiting for the promised co-operation of another kindred society, now seems nearing a realization. We shall be greatly disappointed if it is not in operation early in the new year. Demands for our negro deaconesses are pressing seriously upon us for help, the kind of aid for which our own people are best fitted to give. We ask the labors and prayers of all our officers in its behalf.

COMMITTEE ON REST HOMES.

Mrs. S. W. Davis, *Chairman.*
1016 South Ave., Wilkensburg, Pa.

Bancroft Rest Home.

72 Cookman Ave., Ocean Grove, N. J.

Reported by Miss Kate J. Quarry, *Superintendent.*

Notwithstanding the shadows that have fallen on us this year by the home-going of our beloved Superintendent, Miss Madelyn Whyland, and a member of our Home circle, Mrs. Helen Pritchard, we have had a happy and prosperous year.

We have entertained seventy deaconesses, thirty missionaries, and eighty-five Christian workers, representing Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Dutch Reformed, Protestant Episcopal, Lutheran, and Christian Missionary Alliance churches, besides a large number of friends, all of whom have contributed toward making our Home happy and restful.

We greatly appreciate the response of our people and our Queen Esther Circles in sending us such generous donations of fruit, vegetables, bed linen, towels, groceries, etc., all of which have been the very best.

Last February a handsome memorial hall clock was presented to the Home by Mr. Frank McMahon, in memory of his wife, who was a member of the Seabright Auxiliary.

We come to the close of the year with regret that we have not been able to do more for the Master, but we enter on the duties of the new year with hearts full of love and gratitude and prayer that this may be the best year in the history of Bancroft Rest Home.

Elvira Olney Rest Cottage.

Epworth, Ludington, Mich.

Reported by Mrs. E. G. Lewis, 93 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon, Mich.

The present season has been a very pleasant and successful one, thoroughly enjoyed by all the inmates, five deaconesses, two missionaries, and twenty-seven other guests, comprising our family. Among our guests were Bishop and Mrs. Cranston, Mrs. Hartshorn, Superintendent of Grand Rapids Deaconess Home, and Miss Kahlo of Toledo. At the close of the season a grateful testimonial was handed to Miss Effie M. Potter, matron, expressing the sincere appreciation of the guests for the home-like and religious atmosphere of the Home, and for the excellent accommodations furnished.

Several improvements and necessary repairs were made, including two coats of paint on the house. The finances of the cottage are in good shape, and a balance in the treasury.

Thompson Rest Home.

Mountain Lake Park, Md.

Reported by Mrs. S. W. Davis, 1016 South Ave., Wilkensburg, Pa.

The Home opened July 1st, with Miss Octavia Hicks, our faithful Superintendent, at the helm. The extremely rainy season lessened our

number of guests, but notwithstanding, by the excellent management of Miss Hicks, our obligations were all met and a balance left in the treasury. This will be applied towards a much-needed laundry. Three students from McCrum Training School were our helpers during the season, and were not only efficient aids but brightened the Home with their sweet Christian spirit and songs. The spiritual atmosphere was uplifting, and all testified to the quiet, home-like restfulness of the place. Our family for the summer included four deaconesses, four Christian workers, and sixty-three other friends.

The annual Home Missionary meeting was a new departure this year, being interdenominational. Four denominations were represented, all the speakers being entertained at the Home.

Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage.

Ridgeview Park, Pa.

Reported by Mrs. W. R. King, *Chairman of Committee,* Pittsburgh, Pa.

The cottage was opened June 1st. Seven deaconesses and about twenty friends enjoyed its quiet restfulness.

"Methodist Day" was given over in the morning to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, many of the Conference Board being present.

The Pittsburgh Conference Epworth League Institute held daily prayer services and department conferences, the young people being very grateful for the comfort afforded by our living-room and open fireplace.

Letters have been received from deaconesses who visited us, grateful for kindness and privileges of the cottage.

We are so thankful to our deceased friend who gave us the retreat, which now has the name, "Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage," displayed so that "all who run may read."

Wing Rest Home.

Huntington Beach, California.

This beautiful spot for rest and recuperation has again this year been a blessing to many. Its unusually convenient and pleasant location make comfortable the attendance upon many interesting gatherings for Christian study and service.

To the tired and discouraged workers the air from old ocean is a blessing indeed, bringing vigor for work for still another year, and the meetings held in the pavilion furnish spiritual incentive. Strength, hope, and vigor came, and we exclaim, "Lord, if I may, I 'll serve another day."

Beulah Heights Rest Home.

4690 Tompkins Ave., Oakland, Calif.

The open doors of this Home, beautifully situated opposite the Golden Gate, near San Francisco Bay, is a material illustration of the Master's invitation, "Come ye apart and rest awhile." Here missionaries find a real Rest Home, deaconesses the quietness and inspiration that comes from "the hills" and glistening waters of the bay, Christian workers find an all-around home, economical, restful, home-like.

Forty-seven people have been "comers and goers" since January 1st, including deaconesses, missionaries, Christian workers, and transients.

Also a well-furnished cottage of six rooms, at Pacific Grove, has recently come into the possession of our Society for the benefit of this Home, and the promise of a deed of another equally good cottage, to be placed in escrow during the life of the owner, has been secured.

Mrs. S. M. Frazee is our efficient Superintendent.

We return thanks to the Giver of all good and go hopefully forward.

Wing Rest Home, at Huntington Beach, with another year of blessings to humanity, will be reported by its local committee.

BUREAU FOR HOSPITALS.

Mrs. D. B. Street, *Secretary.*

The Kenesaw, Washington, D. C.

The Secretary of this Bureau is pleased to report a year of prosperity and growth in all the hospitals of the Society. All current expenses of the institutions have been met, and several of the local boards are arranging for larger buildings to meet the demand for greater service.

Thirteen thousand persons have come under the quiet ministry of Christian nurses for the healing of their bodies, and we believe that the good seed sown by word and deed will yield an abundant harvest for the Master.

Twenty per cent of all work done has been without any cost to the individual. All the free work done in the Master's name has been made possible by gifts from auxiliaries for the support of the work.

The new Hospital Department of work in connection with Marcy Home in Chicago, must appeal to our women, and we are hoping for greater opportunities for the service of ministry in the coming year. The Home is situated in the Jewish section of Chicago, and the dispensary service has shown the need of greater help for the women of this race. A few rooms have been equipped for the use of the physicians who so generously give their time for service for suffering humanity, so that 5,000 women have been cared for temporarily during the year, and we are planning for increased service during the coming year.

May the dear Lord touch the hearts of His children to aid us in making a greater work for His glory during the coming year.

Sibley Memorial Hospital.

1150 N. Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

Rev. W. H. Wilder, D. D., *Superintendent.*

Sibley, as the Nurse Training Department of the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, is the "mother" of all our Hospital work. From it have gone consecrated nurses to establish the work in other places.

It has closed the most successful year of its history, both in its ministry and finances.

A splendid new fireproof building, with all modern equipment, to cost $150,000, is in process of construction. It is to be named Robinson Hall, as a loving tribute of appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Robinson in the development and growth of our Woman's Home Missionary Society. Mrs. Robinson is the honored President of this organization.

Brewster Hospital.

Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Olive Webster, *Superintendent.*

This is the only hospital in the South established for the training of the colored girls as nurses and for the care of the sick negroes.

Mrs. Webster has made a fine record in the work she has done though placed under most trying conditions.

Twenty-five graduates have gone out as nurses in other towns and States, so that good words are spoken of the work. Now the time has come when we must either give a suitable building for the work and cease paying $1,200 a year rent, or close it up entirely.

The Hospital Committee are to give it special attention this winter, and we shall hope for a new building owned by our Society, and one in every way suited to this noble work.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital of the State of Indiana.

Sixteenth Street and N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

This Hospital is owned by a Board of Trustees, twelve being elected by the three Indiana Conferences and six by the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of the three Conferences, the Society being therefore one-third corporate holders of the property.

During the year it has opened a fine new building, largely increasing its capacity, and has had a most successful year.

A Hospital Guild has been organized by the women of our Society in Indianapolis of over one hundred members, who are to aid the work in a general way.

The deaconesses from the home recently located in Indianapolis under the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, visit the Hospital regularly to conduct any services or minister spiritually to those whose hearts cry out for such aid.

Graham Protestant Hospital.

Keokuk, Iowa.

Miss Mary Jackson, R. N., *Superintendent.*

This attractive, well-equipped hospital is favorably located in the city, and deserves the interest and support of our Society in the work it is doing. Its ministry extends into the adjoining States, and patients are most appreciative of the care given them by the nurses and the skill of the surgeons. A larger number of patients have been cared for than in any previous year, and its current expenses are all provided for.

Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital.

1327 North Jefferson Street, Springfield, Mo.

Miss Sarah Yandis, *Superintendent.*

This hospital on the top of the mountains, in the Queen City of the Ozarks, has had the best year of its history. All current expenses have been met, with a balance left in the treasury, and more patients have been cared for than in any previous year, showing that the work is winning the sympathy and co-operation of the people.

The Guild have been most helpful in furnishing necessary supplies of bedding, table linen, etc. Nine of the rooms have been re-decorated, and many conveniences added to the building. Physicians and surgeons are most appreciative of the work done by the Superintendent, Miss Yandis, and her assistant, Miss Haupt. Mrs. Ellen A. Burge, the donor of the institution, is still busy about the Master's work, rendering efficient service on the Executive Committee, her heart full of joy in the prosperity of the work.

Our Society has no more ardent supporter in this work than the Rev. Dr. C. C. James, District Superintendent, who gives of his time and influence abundantly for its advancement.

Bethel Deaconess Hospital.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

————, *Superintendent.*

This splendid new hospital, costing $150,000, and having all modern equipment, is the property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Colorado Conference.

Interested women of the city have lately placed a new pavilion on the hospital grounds for the use of convalescent children.

Excellent work has been done during the year by the fine corps of Christian nurses, and the finances are in a most encouraging condition.

The Methodist Hospital of Southern California.

Hope Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

————, *Superintendent.*

From Miss Lydia Alexander, of the Hospital Committee, through whose activities this hospital was made possible and was brought under the care of our Society, we learn that the work has grown to such an extent that it is necessary to increase its capacity.

Plans are being prepared for a $200,000 building, so arranged that it can be built in sections, the first section, at the estimated cost of $75,000, to be erected this year.

Much credit is due the women of Los Angeles for the great work they are doing.

Harwood Hospital.

Albuquerque, New Mexico.

————, *Superintendent.*

This hospital was opened in this part of New Mexico for the special care of sufferers from tuberculosis, who come from every State to be benefited by the remarkable climate.

The work was made possible by gifts from Rev. Thomas S. Harwood and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Porterfield.

On seven acres of ground, well located, there is a house of seven rooms for administration purposes, and four tents and two porch rooms have been prepared and are occupied by patients, all of them young men from distant States.

These good people who are planning for the work need help for the support of the work, and more tents to meet the demand.

STATISTICS OF THE DEACONESS WORK.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.	Year of Establishment	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Value of Property Loaned	Licensed Deaconesses	Unlicensed Deaconesses & Probationers	Stations	Students taking Bible Training	Students taking Nurse Training	Calls of all kinds made	No. of Sick Nursed in Hospitals	No. of Sick Nursed in Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Industrial Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Sunday Schools	Receipts from all Sources	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year
Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School	1891 1897	$14,000 00 x 2,100 00	$3,000 00		12	1	.....	5	.....	19,902	.....	11	.....	1,880	$4,448 21	$3,550 21
Baltimore Deaconess Home. Mt. Taber Industrial Building	1892	40,143 88	7,500 00		11	1	.....	.....	.....	11,415	.....	.....	17,501	5,991	4,546 75	4,381 13
*Bancroft Rest Home	1896	7,500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,813 38	2,660 41
Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School	1892	18,000 00	.....	.....	12	4	1	30	.....	12,846	.....	40	503	724	6,604 54	4,649 10
**Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training School	1892	x 10,000 00	.....	$20,000 00	15	.....	2	1	.....	24,554	3,000	.....	5,248	7,000	953 68	555 78
Beth-El Hospital	1903	115.000 00	35,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	804	.....	.....	.....	26,225 27	26,658 25
Cleveland Deaconess Home	1890	42,500 00 x 5,845 00	10,500 00	.....	18	6	.....	.....	.....	14,015	.....	.....	.....	4,117	16,004 91	8,747 33
Cunningham Children's Home	1895	25,000 00 x 8,312 44	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,262 07	8,004 20
Davis Deaconess Home	1895	20,000 00	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	3,525	.....	13	.....	.....	1,742 19	1,865 45
Detroit Deaconess Home. Tillman Avenue Mission	1889	15,000 00 x10,000 00 7,000 00	.....	.....	14	2	.....	.....	.....	14,394	.....	.....	400	300	4,707 09	5,477 96
Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home	1905	8,000 00	.....	.....	4	2	.....	.....	2	6,313	.....	7	.....	.....	2,238 37	2,153 15
Duluth Deaconess Home	1908	Furniture, 600 00	Rent,	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	4,838	.....	.....	236	1,175	2,149 93	2,347 91
Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital	1906	52,800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	275	.....	.....	.....	7,297 88	7,204 89
*Elvira Olney Rest Home	1900	512 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	649 97	683 99
E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home and Open Door Mission	1899	12,400 00	.....	.....	6	.....	1	.....	.....	5,159	.....	11	2,406	2,406	4,239 71	2,101 99
Genesee Conference Deaconess Home	1890	38,367 87	8,800 00	.....	12	1	.....	.....	.....	6,441	.....	45	.....	953	21,008 31	6,424 30
Graham Protestant Hospital	1901	40,000 00	13,600 00	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	241	12	.....	.....	9,524 20	10,105 52
Holloway Deaconess Home	1900	10,000 00	.....	.....	5	3	.....	.....	.....	8,141	.....	10	.....	2,232	3,985 61	2,260 74
Irene Maitland Deaconess Home	1910	5,300 00 x 26,000 00	4,000 00	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,970	.....	.....	.....	543	1,541 91	891 45
**Jersey City Deaconess Home	1898	Furniture, 2,000 00	.....	15,000 00	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,759	.....	47	.....	4,677	2,157 30	2,423 70

GENERAL NOTE—This report is compiled from reports made by the different officers of the Homes and Conferences supporting our Deaconess Work. Names of deaconesses are reported in their present fields of labor to date October 1, 1912. The work is reported in the home or station where it was done during the past year. Many of our deaconesses have married, a few have entered the Home Beyond, and others have left the work for various reasons during the past year. None of these are reported. Every one reported is found in the list of deaconesses connected with our work at the present time. FANNIE M. CUMMINGS, Office Secretary, Detroit, Mich.

x Endowment. *Rest Homes are reported one-half the value of property, current expenses, and supplies, with the exception of Wing Rest Home, which is Deaconess property. ** Property owned by Evangelization Union.

Kansas City National Training School and Deaconess Home	1899	$171,000 00			13	1		47		31,864	42	68	150	1,212	$10,622 45	$10,506 03
Methodist Hospital of Southern California	1909	50,000 00	$8,100 00						8		300				14,489 00	15,007 00
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School (Bible Department)	1894	{ 264,332 92			4			44	52	2,500	1,519	28			69,224 29	52,974 10
Sibley Memorial Hospital (Nurse-training Department)		{ †25,000 00														
McKelvey Deaconess Home	1899	15,000 00	6,000 00		8					6,600				1,307	3,493 63	3,374 66
Maine Conference Deaconess Home	1903	14,000 00	2,300 00		5	1	3			3,872		5	1,457	1,225	2,557 40	2,563 82
Margaret Evans Deaconess Home	1898	16,000 00	2,800 00		8	1	3			11,411		73	3,021	2,543	7,790 62	4,415 74
‖Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Ind	1905	375,000 00							65		2,241				74,132 92	78,664 44
Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home	1907	17,000 00	5,500 00		8		1			7,768			510	1,222	4,651 32	4,406 65
Newark Conference Deaconess Home	1899	9,800 00	5,600 00		6	1				7,062		27	632	2,540	2,677 32	2,391 84
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	1889	{ 43,000 00 x 11,000 00	5,000 00		12					16,205		49	14,363	5,917	20,251 18	12,758 23
Pittsburgh Deaconess Home	1890	{ 35,000 00 x5,000 00	10,000 00		11	3				7,444				7,451	4,745 04	4,564 85
San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home	1901	30,000 00			8	2		14		10,358		75	1,060		9,066 26	8,379 10
Shesler Deaconess Home	1901	14,000 00	2,000 00		10	1	1			9,284		70	8,820	2,939	4,002 65	3,823 92
Southern Cal. Conf. Deaconess Home	1896	15,000 00			11	4				5,554			3,304		4,604 35	4,750 11
‖Ellen B. Flower Deaconess Home and Hospital	1906			$60,000 00												
S. W. Kansas Conference Deaconess Home	1898	10,500 00			8	2				10,926		93		2,163	2,787 47	2,723 83
Stone Settlement Deaconess Home	1906	7,500 00	1,850 00		3					3,746		356	1,258	3,260	1,306 67	980 32
*Thompson Rest Home	1899	2,500 00													201 74	311 88
Utica Italian Mission	1906	25,500 00	14,000 00		1	1				1,593			1,478	559	20,713 14	1,097 16
Washington Deaconess Home	1890	11,517 90	8,389 70		5	1				3,208				175	2,812 84	2,564 14
Wilmington Deaconess Home	1907	700 00			3	2				2,671		13	13,749	4,353	2,695 44	2,185 83
§Wing Rest Home	1906	1,800 00														
***Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage																
Vermont Conference Deaconess Home	1911	5,000 00	1,200 00		4					649			150	225	1,808 43	1,377 15
°Anthracite Mission Deaconess Home	1911	{ Furniture 650 00		10,000 00	1		1			2,157	10	30	5,936	2,219	1,650 45	1,330 45
Albuquerque Hospital	1911	3,506 00														
Binghamton Deaconess Home	1912	4,000 00	700 00		1	1				1,350		2	80	40	4,204 35	415 55
Methodist Deaconess Hospital	1912															
Harrisburg Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Home	1911				1					697			780		749 49	708 13
Amee Home for Working Women and Girls	1911			5,500 00												
Deaconesses on Detached Service					56	3										
¶Permanent Deaconess Fund		12,297 88														
Totals		1,731,986 39	290,839 70	126,000 00	322	48	12	141	168	290,191	8,432	1085	83,042	71,348	402,339 73	355,758 08

*Rest Homes are reported one-half the value of property, current expenses, and supplies, with the exception of Wing Rest Home, which is Deaconess property.
x Endowment. ‖ Affiliated. ***Connected and reported with Pittsburgh Deaconess Home.
° Deaconess entered upon work since July 1, 1912. § Receipts and expenses reported with Southern California Conference Deaconess Home.
¶ Reported October 1, 1912. Several Deaconesses are being cared for by this Fund. † Annuity gift.

STATISTICS OF THE DEACONESS WORK—Continued.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.—Continued.	Year of Establishment	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Value of Property Loaned	Licensed Deaconesses	Unlicensed Deaconesses & Probationers	Stations	Students taking Bible Training	Students taking Nurse Training	Calls of all kinds made	No. of Sick Nursed in Hospitals	No. of Sick Nursed in Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Industrial Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Sunday Schools	Receipts from all Sources	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year
DEACONESS STATIONS.																
†Albuquerque, N. M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,828	.....	232	....	243	31 70	360 00
Altoona, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	2,804	.....	.....	175	.....	116 00	720 00
Ashland, Ky.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,897	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	360 00
Berkeley, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,025	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	360 00
°°Bristol, Ct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00
°°Brooklyn, N. Y.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,080 00
°°°Burlington, Vt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00
Burlington, Ia.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,114	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	360 00
Boise City, Idaho	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,913	.....	2	.....	.....	30 00	360 00
Chanute, Kans.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,545	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00
‡East St. Louis, Ill.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,511	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 00	360 00
Eldorado, Ill.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	291	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	360 00
‖Dunlap, Iowa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	180	.....	.....
¶Fresno, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,402	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00
Hurley, Wis.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	609	.....	.....	.....	312	.....	360 00
Indianapolis, Ind.	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,344	.....	13	.....	85	.....	2,160 00
Kokomo, Ind.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,589	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	360 00
*a*Long Beach, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	721	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00
Mount Carmel, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,286	.....	4	230	.....	382 00	360 00
Mount Pleasant, Utah.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	538	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00
*f*No. Nebraska Conference.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	925	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	360 00
Oakland, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,759	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	720 00
*b*Olive Hill, Ky.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	637	.....	4	.....	103	.....	480 00
*c*Pasadena, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,153	.....	.....	.....	.....	371 56	720 00
*d*Paterson, N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00

†One Deaconess entered work Sept. 1, 1912. °° Work reported with Brooklyn Deaconess Home. ⁂ Approximated.
°°° Work reported with E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home. ‡ Former Deaconess reported in Binghamton Deaconess Home. New Deaconess entered work since July 1, 1912. ‖ Deaconess living at home, doing Deaconess work when possible. ¶ Former Deaconess reported with So. Cal. Conf. Deaconess Home. New Deaconess entered since July 1, 1912. *a* Deaconess reported with Southern California Conf. Deaconess Home. One-half year's work reported here. *f* Deaconess reported with Shessler Deaconess Home. *b* One Deaconess gave part of a year's service, but is now reported with Detroit Deaconess Home. *c* Deaconesses connected with Southern California Conf. Deaconess Home, but reported here. *d* Work reported with Jersey City Deaconess Home.

°°Port Chester, N. Y.					1												‡360 00
*e*Sacramento, Cal.					1					459							‡360 00
Salina, Kans.					2					1,170		3	672				‡720 00
*c*San Pedro, Cal.					1					993			556				‡360 00
St. Joseph, Mo.					1					3,952							‡360 00
Syracuse, N. Y.					2					2,578					236 86		‡720 00
Watsonville, Cal.					1					30							‡360 00
°Waterloo, Ia.						1											
St. Louis, Mo.					1					1,403	13	352	70				‡360 00
°Washington, Ia.						1											
°Marion, Ind.					1												
*g*Topeka, Kan., District										1,164		1	256				‡360 00
Ridgeway, Pa.					1					1,102		2	217				‡360 00
South Kansas Conf.					3					5,421		6	854				‡1,080 00
*h*St. Johnsbury Dist., Vt.										2,426		1					
i St. Albans Dist., Vt.										829							
i Brattleboro, Vt.										126							
Marshall, Tex.					1					1,856	4	12					‡360 00
*j*Montpelier, Vt.										800							
*k*Fort Dodge, Ia.					1												
°Enid, Okla.						1											
°Norfolk, Neb.						1											
°Valley Falls, Kan.						1											
°Beloit, Kan.						1											
°West Neb. Conf.						1											
°Oil City, Pa.					1												
Totals					52	7				56,250	17	645	1,031	3,670	1,268 12	17,880 00	
Grand Totals		$1,731,986 39	$155,839 70	$126,000 00	374	55	12	141	168	346,441	8,449	1730	84,073	75,018	$403,607 85	$373,638 08	

‡ Approximated. °Deaconess entered upon work since July 1, 1912. °° Work reported with Brooklyn Deaconess Home.
c Deaconesses connected with Southern California Conf. Deaconess Home, but reported here. *e* Deaconess connected with San Francisco Deaconess Home, but reported here. *g* Deaconess reported with Detroit Deaconess Home. *h* Deaconess reported with Vermont Conf. Deaconess Home.
i Deaconess reported on detached service. *j* Deaconess reported with Maine Conf. Deaconess Home. *k* Deaconess connected with Shessler Deaconess Home, but reported here.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DEACONESS HOMES.

*For Rest Homes only one-half of receipts, disbursements and balances are reported, with the exception of Wing Rest Home, which is deaconess property.

† No report received.

‡ Balance in bank, July 1, 1911, does not agree with last report.

⁂ Cash for Building Fund added to balance for July 1, 1911.

†* Receipts and disbursements reported with Southern California Conference Deaconess Home.

¶ Reported with Pittsburgh Deaconess Home.

** Entered upon work since July 1, 1912.

†† Balance in bank, July 1, 1911, incorrectly reported last year.

‡‡ Cash for Building Fund added to balance for July 1, 1911, in this report, but omitted from report last year.

‖ Approximated.

¶¶ Receipts and disbursements reported with Vermont Conference Deaconess Home.

Aldrich Memorial:

Receipts—Balace, 1911	$1,732 99	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,007 25	
	$5,740 24	
Disbursements	4,445 12	
Balance, 1912		1,295 12

Anthracite Mission:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	.....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	$1,650 45	
	$1,650 45	
Disbursements	1,330 45	
Balance, 1912		320 00

Baltimore:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$860 62	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,546 75	
	$5,407 37	
Disbursements	4,381 13	
Balance, 1912		1,026 24

†**Bancroft Rest Home:*

Receipts—Balance, 1911	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1912		....

Beth-El Hospital:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$585 14	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	26.225 27	
	$26,810 41	
Disbursements	26,658 25	
Balance, 1912		152 16

Bidwell:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$84 58	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,573 06	
	$4,657 64	
Disbursements	4,649 10	
Balance, 1912		8 54

Binghamton:

Receipts—Balance, 1911		
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	$3,054 35	
	$3,054 35	
Disbursements	915 55	
Balance, 1912		2,138 80

Brooklyn:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$613 45	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,721 60	
	$5,335 05	
Disbursements	5,050 20	
Balance, 1912		284 85

‡*Cleveland:*

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$3,103 17	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	14,305 38	
	$17,408 55	
Disbursements	14,553 03	
Balance, 1912		2,855 52

Cunningham Children's Home:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$989 18	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	7,272 89	
	$8,262 07	
Disbursements	8,004 20	
Balance, 1912		257 87

‡*Davis:*

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$127 76	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	1,742 19	
	$1,869 95	
Disbursements	1,865 45	
Balance, 1912		4 50

Detroit:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$116 96	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	3,838 71	
	$3,955 67	
Disbursements	4,609 58	
Deficit, 1912		653 91

Duluth:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$200 19	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,149 93	
	$2,350 12	
Disbursements	2,347 91	
Balance, 1912		2 21

Dwight W. Blakeslee:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$172 82	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,619 54	
	$2,792 36	
Disbursements	2,655 96	
Balance, 1912		136 40

Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$27 28	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	7,297 88	
	$7,325 16	
Disbursements	7,204 89	
Balance, 1912		120 27

†**Elvira Olney Rest Home:*

Receipts—Balance, 1911	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1912		....

E. W. Griffin:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$113 89	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,239 71	
	$4,353 60	
Disbursements	4,307 12	
Balance, 1912		46 48

Genesee Conference:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$8,415 69	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	10,376 78	
	$18,792 47	
Disbursements	6,424 30	
Balance, 1912		12,368 17

Graham Protestant Hospital:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$704 56	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	9,524 20	
	$10,228 76	
Disbursements	10,105 52	
Balance, 1912		123 24

Holloway:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$252 45	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	3,058 96	
	$3,311 41	
Disbursements	2,364 74	
Balance, 1912		946 67

Irene Maitland:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$37 92	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	1,099 20	
	$1,137 12	
Disbursements	994 65	
Balance, 1912		142 47

††*Jersey City:*

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$469 02	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,157 30	
	$2,626 32	
Disbursements	2,423 70	
Balance, 1912		202 62

Kansas City National Training School:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$271 95	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	10,350 50	
	$10,622 45	
Disbursements	10,506 03	
Balance, 1912		116 42
†*Methodist Hospital of Southern California:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1911		
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources		
Disbursements		
Balance, 1912		
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$1,240 21	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources—(2,700 Annuity)	69,224 29	
	$70,464 50	
Disbursements	65,171 04	
Balance, 1912		5,293 46
McKelvey:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$649 92	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	3,193 63	
	$3,843 55	
Disbursements	3,374 66	
Balance, 1912		468 89
Maine Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$24 04	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,557 40	
	$2,581 44	
Disbursements	2,563 82	
Balance, 1912		17 62
Margaret Evans:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$158 47	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	7,790 62	
	$7,949 09	
Disbursements	7,615 17	
Balance, 1912		333 92

†*Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of the State of Indiana:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1911		
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources		
Disbursements		
Balance, 1912		
†*Minnesota Conference:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1911		
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources		
Disbursements		
Balance, 1912		
Newark:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$615 41	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,677 32	
	$3,292 73	
Disbursements	2,904 08	
Balance, 1912		388 65
Philadelphia:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$427 44	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	20,251 18	
	$20,678 62	
Disbursements	19,758 23	
Balance, 1912		920 39
Pittsburgh:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$1,003 33	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,102 81	
	$5,106 14	
Disbursements	4,564 85	
Balance, 1912		541 29
San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$154 67	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	9,066 26	
	$9,220 93	
Disbursements	8,379 10	
Balance, 1912		841 83

Shesler:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$892 30	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	3,111 35	
	$4,003 65	
Disbursements	3,823 92	
Balance, 1912		179 73
Southern California Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$636 74	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,604 35	
	$5,241 09	
Disbursements	4,750 11	
Balance, 1912		490 98
Southwest Kansas Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$1,001 25	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,787 47	
	$3,788 72	
Disbursements	2,723 83	
Balance, 1912		1,064 89
Stone Settlement:		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$172 38	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	919 29	
	$1,091 67	
Disbursements	980 32	
Balance, 1912		111 35
†**Thompson Rest Home:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1912		..... .
‡‡*Utica Italian Mission:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1911	$2,860 16	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	17,606 99	
	$20,467 15	
Disbursements	16,629 83	
Balance, 1912		3,837 32

Vermont Conference:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$187 16	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	1,419 87	
	$1,607 03	
Disbursements	1,462 30	
Balance, 1912		144 73

Washington:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$203 96	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,608 88	
	$2,812 84	
Disbursements	2,564 14	
Balance, 1912		248 70

Wilmington:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$322 16	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,100 57	
	$2,422 73	
Disbursements	2,185 83	
Balance, 1912		236 90

Harrisburg:

Receipts—Balance, 1911	$4 17	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	749 49	
	$753 66	
Disbursements	708 13	
Balance, 1912		45 53

‡*Wing Rest Home:*

Receipts—Balance, 1911	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1912		....

¶*Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage:*

Receipts—Balance, 1911	....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	....	
	....	
Disbursements	....	
Balance, 1912		....

STATIONS.

||*Albuquerque, N. M.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Altoona, Pa.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $720 00
Disbursements 720 00

||*Ashland, Ky.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Berkeley, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Bristol, Conn.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Brooklyn, N. Y.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $1,080 00
Disbursements 1,080 00

||*Burlington, Vt.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Burlington, Ia.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Boise, Idaho:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Chanute, Kan.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*East St. Louis, Ill.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Eldorado, Ill.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Dunlap, Iowa:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. .....
Disbursements .....

||*Fresno, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Hurley, Wis.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Indianapolis, Ind.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $2,160 00
Disbursements 2,160 00

||*Kokomo, Ind.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Long Beach, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $120 00
Disbursements 120 00

||*Mount Carmel, Pa.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Mount Pleasant, Utah:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*North Nebraska Conference:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Oakland, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $720 00
Disbursements 720 00

||*Olive Hill, Ky.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $480 00
Disbursements 480 00

||*Pasadena, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $720 00
Disbursements 720 00

||*Paterson, N. J.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Port Chester, N. Y.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Sacramento, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Salina, Kan.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $720 00
Disbursements 720 00

||*San Pedro, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*St. Joseph, Mo.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

||*Syracuse, N. Y.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $720 00
Disbursements 720 00

||*Watsonville, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

****Waterloo, Iowa:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

‖*St. Louis, Mo.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

***Washington, Iowa:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

***Marion, Ind.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

‖*Topeka, Kan., District:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

‖*Ridgeway, Pa.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

‖*South Kansas Conference:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $1,080 00
Disbursements 1,080 00

¶¶*St. Johnsbury District, Vt.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

¶¶*St. Albans District, Vt.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

¶¶*Brattleboro, Vt.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

‖*Marshall, Texas:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. $360 00
Disbursements 360 00

¶¶*Montpelier, Vt.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

**Fort Dodge, Iowa:*	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
**Enid, Okla.:*	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
**Norfolk, Neb.:*	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
**Valley Falls, Kan.:*	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
**Beloit, Kan.:*	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
**West Nebraska Conference:*	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
**Oil City, Pa.:*	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
Total receipts of Deaconess Homes	$313,017 06
Deficit Detroit Deaconess Home	653 91
	$313,670 97
Total disbursements of Deaconess Homes	275,956 24
Balance in treasuries	$37,714 73

Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

ALABAMA.

The past year has been marked by a little advancement. Four new auxiliaries have been organized, and up to this time are alive and at work. We also have the promise that others may be organized during the summer. The Conference President, Mrs. W. B. Smead, has dates for meetings on the west end of Boaz District, which is one hundred and seventy miles long. We hope, by the creation of interest in the work, to soon have more auxiliaries, and more of our members interested in our beautiful Rebecca McClesky Home. Miss Jackson gave one month of work to this Conference, speaking a number of times, besides organizing two new auxiliaries. Had it not been for the stormy weather and impassable roads, she would have done much more effective work. We have increased the number of our auxiliaries sixty-six per cent, and doubled our membership. Our Conference anniversary was addressed by Mrs. Bishop Anderson and Miss Jackson. The Conference was organized with officers who are workers. A number of noted workers in the Woman's Home Missionary Society have visited the Home this year. Among them Mrs. E. Y. King, Supply Secretary; Mrs. Bass, Field Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan.

The Conference Secretary has made several trips to points in the Conference, sowing seed, expecting a harvest by and by.

Rebecca McClesky Home has had a prosperous year. The Boys' Dining Hall, operated by the Home, has been a success. Fifty-three boys, who neither use tobacco nor strong drink, have been enrolled. Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, a former inmate of the Home, has made an excellent Superintendent for this department. It is hoped that soon a dormitory for boys will be erected, and a real industrial department for boys will be launched.

At the county fair last fall, the first prize was awarded to our bread, sewing, and school work. The music department has made excellent progress, with Mrs. W. B. Smead as directress. We very much need another piano, which would bring us $10 per month income. We lost pupils last year because we did not have instruments enough for practice. Miss Lula Wann, a graduate of San Francisco Training School, has rendered splendid service with her dozen guitars and half dozen mandolins. Our six Underwood typewriters are paid for. We have reason to thank God for the reasonable good health of the inmates of this Home this year. We have been delivered from epidemics of all kinds. A higher standard of scholarship has been attained.

The settlement work at Cedartown has been sustained under discouraging circumstances by Misses Bertha Addington and Carylon Brasher, both graduates of John H. Snead Seminary, and we are hoping to build a house for their use very soon. Owing to the change of officers and financial depression the work at Sayre has been discontinued, and Miss Jackson, who did such excellent work there, has been prostrated, and is now in the hospital for treatment.

MRS. ANNA D. ELDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ARIZONA MISSION.

Another year of history has been made for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, a year of successes and failures. Successful in that some of the Auxiliaries have shown renewed interest and vigor, while others, because of lack of suitable leaders and loss of membership by removals, have failed to be active. It is a hard struggle in all lines of Church work to keep up activity. Because of great distances and expensive traveling we do not catch the enthusiasm and reap the benefit to be desired from the association with other Auxiliaries in conventions and district meetings. We hope to have a field worker next year.

We held our annual session at Conference time. It was well attended. Seven Auxiliaries with 179 members were reported, 1 Circle, 65 Mothers' Jewels, and $786.79 in cash and supplies. A fund was started on that day for a Hospital for the Yuma Indians. The Tucson Home is fulfilling a great need in this part of the State, but the accommodations are not sufficient.

We have faith to believe that our discouragements will be overcome if we remember the command: "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Mrs. Carrie Johnson Wright, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ARKANSAS.

The Girls' Home at Siloam Springs, in connection with the Arkansas Conference College, that was reported last year by our District Secretary, and that opened so promisingly and gave enthusiasm to the whole Conference, is a thing of the past, as it was thought wise by the General Committee to close the work, which was done on March 14.

We have not fully recovered from the reaction, but I can truly say that the Auxiliaries are doing good work. A number of pledges have been made, the study-book is in general use, and more interest is taken in the Reading Circle Course.

Mrs. H. T. Graves, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ATLANTA.

During the year we have left much of the work to the District Officers, thus hoping to stimulate individual responsibility. The Gainesville District has made large increase in her field, under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Ritchie, District President.

The Annual Meeting was held October 10th to 13th, at Douglasville, Ga., on the Rome District. On account of illness in the Home, I was unable to attend all the sessions, and I left for the Annual Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, before the return of the women from this meeting, hence it is too soon to secure a full report of the meeting. All the Conference Officers were present, and a large crowd from the Atlanta District were in attendance. At night the church was crowded by people from the local community.

The local Mission Work at Central Avenue, where a Vacation School was conducted by Mrs. J. A. Rush with an enrollment of 107, was represented.

At Warren Chapel, Miss Heines has gathered the children together for instruction, and has been faithful in her efforts.

Miss Martha Drummer, who was home on a furlough from Quassua Mission Station, Melange, Angola, West Africa, brought to us a vivid picture of our opportunities for work and the need of large preparation for work in the foreign fields. She sailed from New York, returning to her work August 26th.

During the year we had as visitors at Thayer Home: Miss Greeta B. Leigh, Mrs. Mary Hickman and daughter, Mrs. Herbert Ketcham, and Miss Alice M. Guernsey. During the vacation in the early fall, Mrs. K. S. Burnett and daughter spent a few days with us. We cordially welcome all these elect women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We are grateful for the loyal and true women, who are ever jealous for the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Atlanta Conference. We are grateful for their support of the District Superintendents.

Our one great need is intelligent leadership.

FLORA MITCHELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

AUSTIN.

Austin Conference makes its valedictory address and disappears forever from the stage of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

As nothing is lost in nature, these Auxiliaries will reappear next year as a part of the Oklahoma and Gulf Conferences by the orders of the General Conference.

We have five Auxiliaries, but an ever changing population makes our growth slow.

Ft. Worth has the largest Auxiliary. The text-book has been thoroughly studied, they have 21 subscribers to Home Missions, and have used the Enigmas. Just before Christmas they sent a box valued at $30 to a missionary in South Houston, and sent five dollars to the new building at El Paso.

Mallalieu Auxiliary at Dallas undertook no special work this year, but maintained the interest of members by regular meetings and some special ones.

Trinity, San Antonio, has awakened to new life under the new President, Mrs. O. P. Wright, who comes to us from Denver full of zeal for the Master's cause. This Auxiliary sent ten dollars for the El Paso work. In December, we had an inspiring visit from Mrs. E. L. Knostman and Miss Clara I. King, who presented the work in the West Southern States and especially in our own State.

Alvin has a wide-awake Society of thirty members, who divide their time and money between the Home and the Foreign work. They meet once a month and had a Thank Offering meeting on March 21st.

Wichita Falls is our youngest sister, but is doing fine work. Some members have withdrawn, but new ones are being added.

They held one open-air social meeting in June. Refreshments were served and a slight charge made. Interest is increasing, and they are looking forward to a prosperous year. The Auxiliaries of Fort Worth, Dallas, and Wichita Falls will unite with the Oklahoma Conference, Alvin and San Antonio with the Gulf Conference.

(MRS.) C. R. CLARK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BALTIMORE.

As we review the year, it is with thanksgiving to God for His guiding hand.

We have given largely to the general work among the Alaskans, Chinese and Japanese work on Pacific Coast, and in Hawaii, not forgetting the work in New Mexico, El Paso, Ritter Home; also at McClesky and Mitchell Homes, and at Cedartown, Georgia. Porto Rico has also been well remembered. We subscribed $500 to the Bond Debt Campaign, which has been fully met, and an additional amount will follow.

The Conference Anniversary was addressed by Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon. He won all hearts by his eloquent plea for Home Missions.

The camp meetings at Emory, Allcghany, and Washington Groves have been of special interest.

The Deaconess Work in Baltimore is constantly advancing, and the workers have a stronghold among the foreign population, especially the kindergarten and industrial work among the children; everywhere the Deaconesses are ministering to the poor, the sick, and the unfortunate.

Washington has an orphanage in connection with the Deaconess Work, whose opening is full of promise for the future.

Stone Settlement at Martinsburg has made a striking advance in the work by purchasing additional lots and opening a Playground with all modern equipments of fountains, swings, games, and other amusements; an aggregate of over 7,000 children have enjoyed these grounds, and the Settlement is in a neighborhood whose degradation is startling.

We are rejoicing in the erection of Robinson Hall, within our boundaries, a worthy tribute to our beloved President, Mrs. George O. Robinson.

CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BLACK HILLS MISSION.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Black Hills Mission give thanks to God for His continued presence and His great mercy. We have lost valued friends by death and removal from our territory to other parts. Our crops for two years past were almost a total failure, but the present year has been beautiful, and we know that God is good and still mindful of His own. Many of our ministers have been cheered and helped by the barrels of clothing sent on by friendly Auxiliaries from the East—one minister distributed sixty barrels of supplies among his parishioners—thus saving life itself in some instances. We have, in spite of hard times, kept two girls in the Des Moines Training School and hope to have them for efficient workers later on. A hospital of forty beds has been opened in Rapid City under deaconess supervision. Miss Swartz has done excellent work there, as well as in the field, and endeared herself to many hearts. The whole field is in itself a home mission field and demands our utmost effort and consecration.

With God's help we expect to come off more than conquerors.

ELLA B. DOLLIVER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA.

In the rebuilding of our new and greater San Francisco, we are learning the supreme importance of laying firm, deep, and solid foundations, and what is necessary in the material rebuilding becomes emphatically

true in our moral and spiritual progress. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in this Conference is still to lay foundations. "Westward the course of empire takes its way, So all the sages, all the prophets say," and as we try to grasp the significance of the opening of the Panama Canal, we are almost overwhelmed with the responsibilities that face all Christian work upon this Western coast, with its broad outlook toward the Orient. Our growth this year has been in inspiration and outlook. Our people are learning to read more. More literature has been distributed in our Conference than ever before, and we see the splendid results of the untiring zeal of our faithful Secretary of Literature. More than seven thousand leaflets, eleven hundred mite-boxes, one hundred and sixty-eight text-books have all been silently working to create an interest in humanity through our great general organization. Seven different Bureaus or lines of work within our own domain keep the women of our Conference Board more than busy. From their own reports you will see that we have many things to encourage.

Our beautiful new Home for the Chinese has been dedicated.

The Deaconess Training School has had a prosperous year and graduated nine earnest, consecrated young women. The Japanese Bureau has had more work to do, and not enough money for carrying on the work. Their burden has been heavy this year. Beulah Rest Home still needs general help in a financial way, until it gets fairly launched, then we are sure it will become self-supporting. The Immigrant Work on Angel Island (new last year) is steadily growing in favor with the United States government officials, and they seem to greatly appreciate the services of our Deaconess, who many times has been able to render especial aid in unusual cases.

Our Frontier or Sustentation Fund is of great advantage to us throughout the Conference. Since the preachers voted in their Annual Conference to sustain and promote this fund, it gives us access to the pulpits and makes each preacher more personally interested in our Society, for the money thus raised goes directly to help their own brethren, who are working for a mere pittance. We have about thirteen hundred dollars to distribute this year and expect more when all Churches respond to the call.

Our supplies have also increased very materially, having sent out nearly twelve hundred dollars in cash and new materials, besides several fine boxes to the Indians and Alaskans. The Mite-box Secretary reports: "Amount collected $515, not all opened yet."

We are trying to secure a larger list of subscribers to both of our excellent papers, and have given $400 to be burned in bonds at Wichita.

We greatly enjoyed the presence of Mrs. Anna Kent and also Miss Bertha Fowler among us. They spoke in several special meetings and helped us in many ways. We only wished they could remain longer.

The Conference honored our President by sending her as delegate to General Conference. Miss Rena Waltz has been our Field Secretary for Young People and has been faithfully working in each of the Homes, also speaking on Sundays, holding church services, organizing Queen Esther Circles, and strengthening the work in all departments. Eight new Queen Esther Circles, one Auxiliary, several new members, and new subscribers to the papers are due to her energetic services. She has traveled over 1,600 miles and spoken 66 times in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and had a fine opportunity to present our work while conducting the Home Mission Study Class at Hacienda Conference for the Y. W. C. A.

The District Meetings are becoming more and more helpful and inspirational. Our "Day of Prayer," as observed, was also a great blessing, and the year has closed with our hearts full of hope and a prayer of faith that we may prove strong and valiant, as God leads us into larger duties and greater responsibilities.

MRS. E. R. WILLIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

The Lord has been our ever-present help during the past year, and we are glad to feel that the interest is increasing throughout the Conference.

The Conference Meeting was held early in November in Rock Island. Miss Barge and Miss Leigh were present and were helpful throughout all the sessions. At this meeting some plans for the year were made, and many of them have been carried through. At this meeting, in recognition of the faithful work done by the Conference Treasurer, Miss Ella G. Taylor, she was made a life member.

The District meetings were held in April with Miss Barge as our speaker. These District meetings were well attended and were alive with interest. Mrs. Potter, Miss Barge, and Miss Leigh spoke in several of our churches during the Thank Offering season. A few of the Auxiliaries and Circles apply the Thank Offering money on their pledges, but each year new societies are falling in line and are applying the Thank Offering money for the salary of one of our missionaries.

Mrs. Jacob Bernheim was the speaker at the anniversary of the Society at the Annual Conference at Normal this fall.

The year 1911-12 was the best year financially the Conference has had. Money has come into the treasury from 92 organizations. Societies are organised in 52 pastoral charges, and each society is doing excellent work. There are 52 Auxiliaries with 1825 members; 24 Queen Esther Circles have 402 members. There are ten Home Guards and a number of Mothers' Jewels Companies. The societies have given money for special work and student aid to 42 different homes and schools. The total amount of money raised this year is $5,455.40, an increase over the previous year of $1,193. All pledges are paid and money given to some places where no amount was promised. Several small donations have been received. Two Auxiliary life members, one Queen Esther and ten Jewel life members were made this year. For the first time there has been a Conference Superintendent of Children's Work. She has done good, faithful work, and an increased interest is shown in this department. 609 *Woman's Home Missions* are taken and 372 *Children's Home Missions.* About 100 text-books have been used in the Society this year.

The Conference Secretary, since being elected to this office two years ago, has given her thought, time, and prayer to the Conference work. Through the efficient co-operation of District officers and members at large, we have accomplished that which is now on record. We are hoping that still more systematic work will be done in the coming year than in the past.

MRS. O. T. DWINELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

The year has been one of activity and growth. Never had the Conference pledged so heavily, and never have our Auxiliaries worked more cheerfully. We come to the close of the year with all pledges met, and more money paid into the treasury than was pledged. The thousand dollars to be applied on the debt of the Society were raised in a few months. The larger part of the thousand dollars pledged for Peck Home was gathered from our Mite-boxes.

Our Conference and District officers have co-operated beautifully, and our membership has been faithful and devoted. We report an increase in membership, in subscription to our papers, and in finances $1,700 increase. Truly, we should "thank God and take courage."

At our Annual Meeting, Mrs. Woodruff was of invaluable service, not alone in the address given, but in suggestions and advice in our business sessions.

Mrs. Weaver was with us several weeks, and through illness, rain, snow, and severest cold hindered greatly, still much good was accomplished. Mrs. Bass also has been faithful in service, organizing new Auxiliaries and encouraging the weaker ones.

As a Conference, we expect to do more financially for the Italian Mission in Syracuse, as this work is growing rapidly and needs organized effort on the part of the women of the Conference.

Mrs. Edmund M. Mills, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL OHIO.

Another year of serving "for the love of Christ and in His name," and ministering unto the lowly ones from North to South, East to West, and even unto the islands of the sea, is a small part of the work of the women in our Conference. Eternity alone can reveal the record of a year's work. God has dealt very kindly in sparing our women for service. A few were translated and are enjoying the rest He alone can give. The year has been a prosperous one along financial lines, with a substantial increase over previous years. Numerically we have gained only a few more than the loss by removals and death each year. In the early part of the year our officers were enthusiastic in making plans, sending out literature and circular letters in behalf of a membership campaign. In many Auxiliaries our women failed to get under the burden and this increase in membership was not realized. But wherever our women entered into the spirit of the campaign in prayer and in earnest, splendid results were reported. *Many new Auxiliaries,* and more women enlisted in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, is the campaign cry for the coming year.

Each one of our six Districts held enthusiastic meetings following the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers in Wichita, last October. Miss Nellie Snider spoke in all these meetings, delighting her hearers with the marvelous story of the work and growth of our great Society. The work and scope of Home Missions has been presented in District Conferences, Thank Offering meetings and the regular monthly meetings by both Field Secretaries and Conference Officers.

Our Annual Conference meeting was held June 19th and 20th, in Sidney, Ohio, with a very large attendance in the opening session. The preconvention for the young people lent great enthusiasm for the entire two days' meeting. Mrs. Hallie L. Hill, Field Secretary, gave the address of the

evening, speaking on the "Three Gateways or Ports of Entrance in Our Country." This was an admirable address, one that every Methodist woman should hear, and if no other line of our Woman's Home Missionary Society appeals to you than the immigration question, you should join the ranks and make this great country of ours a Christian nation. Our Lord says: "Be strong and of a good courage."

MRS. D. M. BAILEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

The interest of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Conference is steadily growing, but the fact remains, we are by no means able to keep pace with the increasing needs and demands.

The numerous foothills and mountain heights to be climbed in Central Pennsylvania, are typical of the efforts of our earnest workers.

The steady advancement of the Conference work needs an occasional "lift" over the hardest places, and only with the aid of the "holding up of the hands" until we have the strength to go on, will we be able to "possess the land."

The results from the earnest, consecrated service of Miss Sheffer at the Altoona Italian Mission, and Miss Larish with the destitute of Mount Carmel, Miss Trescott and Miss Brader among the Slavic nations around Hazleton and Beaver Brook, and Miss Mardorff's work among the Italians of Harrisburg, all demonstrate the need of like efforts at a dozen other strategic points in the vast mining regions of Central Pennsylvania.

How our hearts ache, when we must say repeatedly in response to the plea for a worker at some of these important places, "We can do nothing now."

Is there another Conference anywhere that is such a vast missionary field as is this center of the old Keystone State, with its thousands of foreigners and the horror of "the Black Hand?"

Our special work for the year was the effort to raise $1,000 toward the purchase price of the Anthracite Mission Home at Hazleton. The effort resulted in over $1,100, with all other pledges met, and in addition the largest cash report of mission supplies we have had.

The statistical report shows an increase of 208 Auxiliary members, 126 Queen Esther Circle members, 83 Home Guards and 318 Mothers' Jewels, a total of 735 members.

The Young People's Work is forging to the front; two of our largest Districts report more Circles than Auxiliaries, and in all of our Conventions, Conference and District, the Young People's Period and Rally are given an important place.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff inspired the workers with her splendid services at the Conference Convention in November.

The Conference Anniversary in March, with Miss Bertha Fowler as speaker, was the best we have ever held.

Miss Emma Trescott's service throughout the Conference has been invaluable to our work. In February, Mrs. E. R. Heckman, the Secretary of Danville District, arranged an itinerary for the Conference Corresponding Secretary, by which, through group and public meetings, every Society on the District was reached.

Miss Greeta Leigh spent the month of April in the Conference, visiting many Societies and attending four District Conventions. The result of

her work was new organizations, increased membership, and several personal pledges for scholarships.

In the early summer the building in which our work at Beaver Brook was conducted was burned with all the equipment for the classes in sewing and domestic science. During the summer the work has been carried on as best it could be in a school room, but we hope to have it better housed before the winter sets in.

The first of the year our oldest member, Mrs. Speer of Chambersburg, was called home. She had been the president of that Auxiliary from the time of its organization. The children have made a memorial gift to our work at Hazelton that will keep green her blessed memory.

We are greatly distressed because of the removal from the Conference of Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, the Conference President, and Mrs. F. W. Curry, the Conference Recording Secretary. Both of these sisters have given splendid service to the Conference, and their places will be hard to fill. But the Master Builder has charge of the work, and we must give to him our best efforts for "winning America for Christ."

Mrs. Byron E. Staples, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CHICAGO GERMAN.

In the Chicago German Conference the Woman's Home Missionary Society closed the first year of its history in September. In looking back upon the year, we find reasons to thank God and take courage. It was not an easy matter to establish this Society in the German-speaking Churches, as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had long since taken hold of this Conference and organized Auxiliaries in all important Churches. Our German sisters were almost entirely uninformed as to the purpose and work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and had to be instructed and enlightened upon this subject.

Mr. William E. Bletsch, a prominent German layman and liberal supporter of the Church, began to take a great interest in this cause, and he and his noble wife were the prime movers in the effort of establishing Auxiliaries in our German Churches. Auxiliaries were organized during the summer of 1911 in the Centennial and Second German Churches in Chicago. In the fall of 1911 a meeting was called and a Conference Auxiliary organized. The first officers were: Mrs. C. F. Morf, President; Mrs. J. A. Mulfinger, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. F. C. Wrede, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. E. Bletsch, Treasurer.

During the year a number of local Auxiliaries were organized in different Churches by the officers, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Engel, who has been appointed "Field Secretary" of the German work.

At the close of the year the following results could be reported: Number of Auxiliaries in the Conference, 9; number of members, 179; number of Queen Esther Societies, 6, with 84 members; number of Home Guards, 3, with 70 members. This is an encouraging showing, when we stop to consider the difficulties and limitations of the German work.

Miss Engel has been visiting the Fall Conferences, and has found great encouragement on the part of our German pastors. A number of doors are opening, and she will spend the months of September and October, until the time of the annual meeting, in visiting Churches in Wisconsin and Iowa.

The Chicago District has been organized, and we hope the Milwaukee

and Appleton Districts will soon follow. Plans have already been made to this purpose.

Looking back at the past year, we find much cause for thankfulness to God for His blessing and support. We realize that His divine favor rests upon the work of our Woman's Home Missionary Society, and we are convinced that this work will meet with the staunch and loyal support of our German sisters in the ten Annual Conferences of our German work. We realize that we ourselves are a product of home missions. Our own Churches were founded by the efforts of home missionaries, who came to our mothers and fathers and preached the living Gospel of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. May God help us to promptly and gladly respond to the call of our beloved Church, as we hear it through the Woman's Home Missionary Society. And may the small beginning of the last year be a prophecy of greater and more successful work in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the German Methodist Churches of this country.

Mrs. J. A. Mulfinger, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CINCINNATI.

The actual work of any one organization—but a small part of the whole—is made up of so many little items that it is difficult to report that which would interest the Society at large. But we are happy to report an increase in membership, the direct result of earnest personal work in the "Membership Campaign." Our only regret is the lack of leaders for the young people and the children. Could more women be led to see their opportunity, as well as their responsibility, it would be an easy task to double the work in these departments.

A substantial advance is shown in the financial report, nearly two thousand dollars above that of last year. Two one-thousand-dollar bonds, in addition to the one thousand paid last year, and two hundred more pledged for next year. All pledges met and an early and generous response to the call for pledges for the coming year.

The observance of "Home Mission Week"—which will be general throughout the Conference—will result, we trust, in increased interest and larger knowledge of the needs in our own America and the opportunity offered by the Woman's Home Missionary Society for service in making the kingdoms of this earth the Kingdom of our Lord.

Mrs. Charles Thirkield, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLORADO.

The past year has been one of victory and achievement in the Woman's Home Missionary work, while at the same time it has been one of testing and trial. The year of unusual financial test and strain has caused us to praise God for strength in trial, peace under strain, and advanced and increased efficiency. New Auxiliaries have been formed; the work done through our Supply Department has grown larger; a gratifying increase in missionary activity and gifts among our young people has resulted; and missionary knowledge among our women has increased, while aid has been given to twenty lines of missionary effort outside of our Conference.

One year ago we entered our beautiful new Beth-el Hospital at Colorado Springs. The year has tested courage and resources, but with trust in God, whose work it is, and whose we are, the coming year is faced with assurance that God will guide.

Margaret Evans Deaconess Home is the Conference headquarters for a devoted branch of deaconesses and is a center of spiritual influence. The indebtedness of this property has been reduced $3,200 and a fine heating plant installed.

In Supply Work from the Conference, $3,070.46 has been distributed. The department of Systematic Beneficence is ably conducted by Mrs. C. W. Kellogg and is increasing in results.

There are fifty-two Auxiliaries, exclusive of Circles, about 1,145 members, and more than four hundred in Circles. Total number of *Woman's Home Missions* reported, 371; and of children's papers, 114. We hope to report added growth another year.

Mrs. H. J. Coker, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLUMBIA RIVER.

During the past year larger obligations have been met and increased interest manifested. One new Auxiliary has been organized, one reorganized, one Young Woman's Auxiliary, and three Queen Esther Circles; but owing to a loss from various causes our membership in the Auxiliaries remains practically the same as last year.

The Young People's Work has had its best year ever, under the efficient leadership of the new Secretary, Mrs. Earl Naftzger. They have increased from 8 Circles and 182 members, to 11 Circles with 242 members, and one Young Woman's Auxiliary with 23 members.

The Children's Work has also received much attention.

Our Supply Secretary reports a large increase in her department.

There has been an increase of 15 in the number of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.* This is not nearly as many as should be, and we shall continue the campaign for subscribers to both papers, as we wish our people to be informed along all lines of our work. I wish to mention St. Paul Church, Spokane, where there are 30 members and 28 subscribers to the paper. In order to be enthusiastic, we must first be intelligent.

Two helpful, inspiring District meetings were held in the Spring in the two Districts that are organized, Columbia and Spokane.

Our Anniversary Meeting was held August 29th. Mrs. Nellie Clulow, Conference Organizer and Reserve Field Secretary, gave the splendid address to a large and appreciative audience.

Our Conference Convention was held in Moscow, Idaho, September 24th and 25th. Deep interest and consecration to the work marked all the sessions. $100 was pledged by individuals for a bond, to be burned at the coming National Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.

Our Conference Organizer was with us at the Convention, having gone on and prepared the way, as it were, by giving a Home Missionary address in the morning and an evangelistic sermon in the evening in the church in which the Convention was held.

Thus have we closed the work of the year, and whether it be little or much, it is now in the hands of God. Let us pray the Holy Spirit, to so

touch the imperfect work of our hearts and hands that out of it may come a blessing to humanity and glory and honor to God.

NINA G. BLAKE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DAKOTA.

Not until the middle of next October do we celebrate the first anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Dakota Conference. Prior to this time the territory embraced within this Conference was largely a Home Mission field in great need of help. The help received during these formative years meant very much in this foundation work. Now our work has grown to such splendid proportions that we are in a position to pass this help on to other needy fields. Three years ago the entire Dakota Conference gave to the Woman's Home Missionary Society the sum of $122. This year one Auxiliary alone will contribute more to the work than twice the amount given by the entire Conference at that time. During the month of June Miss Nellie Snider was busy in this field, organizing new Auxiliaries and strengthening the work in Auxiliaries already organized. There are no tabulated results of much of the work that has been done. No record has been kept, except the record of gratitude in the hearts of the beneficiaries of this help, out in the western counties of our Conference, where the people have pioneered it and have suffered much hardship due to drought and crop failure. The work being new to most of us, we have spent most of our time familiarizing ourselves with the methods and machinery of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and studying the needs of the work out in these promising and rapidly developing fields. We look into the new year with courage and hope and confidently expect a greatly increased interest in our work with a consequent development along all lines.

MRS. LULU L. SHEPHERD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DELAWARE.

In presenting this our annual report, we are glad to have you note that we have made at least one step forward.

Our purpose is not simply to meet and legislate, but we are endeavoring to materialize all plans that we think it worth while to take action upon. Therefore we are glad we can say that the plans we spoke of in our last annual report have become a reality and now, instead of only one organized District, we have three, and the result of this closer contact has brought confidence in our ability to assume a larger task; so that at our last Annual Meeting in May we voted to educate the daughter of one of our deceased ministers, whose widow was left with six small children—all now under sixteen years of age.

Violet, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Charles E. Hemsley and Mrs. Mary E. Hemsley, enters Thayer Home as the ward of the Delaware Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, we trust, to evolve as a deaconess or missionary—a strong woman, whose influence for the uplift and assistance of others will be far-reaching.

The most perplexing problem with us still is, how to keep Auxiliaries alive. The most effectual remedy would be the continual employment of a

field worker or sectional worker; for our Conference extends over such a great scope of territory—from Hudson, N. Y., through New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Eastern Virginia to Cape Charles—that by the time a worker got from the extreme northern point to the southern extremity, it would be necessary to go all over again, and this means very great expense. Because of this financial hindrance we are unable to go to some places where the pastors are really willing for us, and for this reason we must say with Isaiah, "Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider."

We had with us at our Conference anniversary Miss Ida R. Cummings, of Baltimore, Field Worker of Woman's Home Missionary Society, and she came full of valuable information that made a lasting impression on all present. Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, was so enthused with our meeting that he voluntarily presented a proposition for the Delaware and Washington Conferences Woman's Home Missionary Societies, jointly to start an industrial home within our Conference territory. Miss Cummings, with us in executive session, arranged plans for a Jubilee Meeting of the Delaware and Washington Conferences to be held 1914, looking to the consummation of this idea, and appointed a commission to meet a like committee from the Washington Conference to arrange plans to that end. So you see our hearts are in the work, and although we have many discouraging features we are striving to get in other hearts and "treasure" also.

We are endeavoring to use every means to inspire enthusiasm in our leaders; for enthusiasm in leaders is the leaven in the meal. Together with being enthusiastic we must know our work and *know what* we talk about. If we wish to do real, effective work we must be full of facts as well as zeal, that it may not be said of us as Paul said of the Romans, "They have zeal—but not according to knowledge." And so we urge and agitate the use and benefit of our literature at every opportunity.

Mrs. Clara Elbert Brown, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DES MOINES.

We are asked to report not what we have read, what we have heard, what we have thought, but "What ha' ye done?"

Many of our workers have given, as expressed by one Auxiliary in their motto for the year, "the very best service we can render."

Reports show no decrease in any departments of our work. Our Annual and District Meetings have been very encouraging.

Mrs. H. L. Hill, Miss Carrie Barge, Miss Greta Leigh, and Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock have assisted in the work of the Conference during the year. Rev. I. Garland Penn very kindly aided in our Conference Anniversary.

Our work in Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School will be reported elsewhere, but we want to say that in Des Moines we are entering "fields white to the harvest" that would not be possible without this institution.

Special mention should be made of the increase in the Young People's Work, in the Supply Work, and in the Mite-box receipts.

Our loyal workers respond quickly and eagerly to any real need brought to their attention. This has been demonstrated this year by the way in which the $1,200 on bonds has been paid.

The women of Des Moines Conference expect the new year to be one of great advance because of the information and inspiration of the Annual Meetings of the Board of Managers in our territory.

Mrs. A. E. Griffith, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DETROIT.

We can speak only words of praise for our District and Conference officers, who have ever been ready to help in this good work during the year.

Two of our National workers have given us valuable aid. Miss Bessie Franc Brown was with us at our Conference Meeting in November and made many friends for herself, as well as for her Navajos, and we were glad to pledge $500 for the new Navajo Mission Building at Farmington, New Mexico.

The work of Miss Carrie Barge, who spent the month of May in our Conference at the District Meetings, was of untold value to our women, many of them getting a broader vision of the great need for service. Her devoted, self-sacrificing example will long be remembered.

Miss E. Maude King, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home in Portland, Me., also rendered valuable aid during the month of May, organizing one Auxiliary and one Queen Esther Circles, and visiting and encouraging many of our Auxiliaries.

Our Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. Walter R. Fruit, reports ten new Circles organized and a total of 1460 members. At the National Meeting at Wichita five Queen Esther life members were pledged; nine have been secured.

We have at present 121 Auxiliaries with 4,297 members. A grand total of $21,026 has been raised, all pledges paid in full, and for the first time in our history a small surplus was left in the treasury. Through the generosity of Mrs. Louisa M. Soules, of Stockbridge, a dear woman to whom we are indebted for many gifts, it has been our happy privilege to give $1,000 to the rebuilding fund of the new Thayer Home. In all over $4,000 have come to us this year in gifts and bequests.

In May last our Deaconess Home was sold, and soon after a beautiful, commodious home on a quiet residence street was purchased and fitted up and is a real home, sheltering our happy deaconess family.

While we can not report great gains in every line of work, we are not taking any backward steps, and are more than ever encouraged to "Go Forward," anxious to do all possible to hasten the day when our country shall be in very truth Christian America.

Mrs. J. R. Waters, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST OHIO.

The year has brought to us much of joy, some few disappointments —yet one of growth and hopeful prophecy. As a result of our year's work we are able to report 35 new organizations, all active, save one. We are gratified that we have met all our obligations and were able to burn a $1,000 bond at Wichita and have a $500 bond in readiness for the burning at Des Moines. Possibly our greatest pride centers in the four workers that are serving us very acceptably in the field. Miss Ella Adams,

at Rebecca McCleskey, Miss Flora Sapp, and Miss Sadie Groves, at Browning, and one of our own Queen Esther girls, Miss Alice Rosemund, at Tucson.

Our Thank Offering is used entirely for the salaries of our own workers, and is a joy to them and to us that we are able to do this. Our Easter Love Offering is dedicated to the work of Bertha Addington, at Cedartown, Ga., thus helping to make it possible for her to hold the field through these very trying days.

Our Library at Rebecca McCleskey has not been forgotten, as each of our seven Districts and our Conference send a magazine to add to its usefulness. Our two Deaconess Homes have had a year of prosperity, and our workers have gone in and out among the needy, lifting and helping wherever the opportunity has presented itself.

During the year we have opened Deaconess Stations at Youngstown and Coshocton and are helping in a work at Cambridge among the miners.

With the closing of this brief report comes to you a farewell from East Ohio Conference; before another year shall have passed away, we shall have merged with our sister Conference and will be known to you as the North-East Ohio Conference. With this enlarged territory come new and grave responsibilities, and we are praying that we may so be led and guided that we shall measure up to the greater opportunities that will be ours.

MRS. M. H. NASON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST TENNESSEE.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the East Tennessee Conference is moving slowly but surely on toward success. Our Annual Meeting last July was at Greenville, Tenn., in connection with the Knoxville District Conference. Much interest was manifested by all present, the papers and addresses were inspiring. Our aim this year is to have the people to know more about the Society and have a better understanding about its plans and needs. We want to double our membership, organize each District, that District meetings may be held throughout the Conference. Two Queen Esther Circles and three Auxiliaries have been organized this year. We mean to increase the number of subscribers to the *Woman's Home Missions* and the *Children's Home Missions.* At the last Annual Meeting a committee of three was appointed to attend the Annual Conference which met in Knoxville, Tenn., September 18 to 24, in order to secure the co-operation of the ministers in the work of the Society, in order that more efficient work could be done in the future. Since my election at the last Annual Meeting I have endeavored to awaken interest all over the Conference, and many are now writing me for Annual Reports and other literature. We pray the Lord of harvest that He may send more laborers in the vineyard.

MRS. L. V. MARBURY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ERIE.

It is gratifying indeed to be able to say that our Conference has made an advance along all lines of the work. Of our ninety-five Auxiliaries ten were organized during the year, also four Queen Esther Circles and one

Home Guards Band. The pledge made at Wichita for an increase in subscriptions to the *Woman's Home Missions* has been nearly doubled, and even a larger gain made for *Children's Home Missions.* Of the bonded indebtedness we paid $1,800. Our receipts for the year showed a gain of nearly $3,000.

We note with pleasure and gratification the usefulness of our Irene Maitland Deaconess Home in New Castle, which has added two more members to its family, who are helping in our Churches, in Italian Missions, in Personal Workers' Mission, and other city work.

Mrs. E. L. Miller spent nearly all the month of November in the Conference, giving many helpful addresses and organizing two Auxiliaries and a Queen Esther Circle.

Mr. J. N. Simmons made many friends in the Conference in March, and a part of April, speaking in the interest of the Navajo Mission.

We were fortunate in having Miss Bertha Fowler as speaker for our Anniversary at Annual Conference, where she made many friends for the Woman's Home Missionary Society by her forceful and instructive address.

It being found at different times that Miss Nellie Snider, Mrs. H. L. Hill aid Mrs. Daniel Onstott were in the vicinity, they were secured for addresses, which proved helpful and inspiring.

We are taking up the duties and privileges of the new year with high aims and hopes for a still more successful service in this work whereunto we are called.

Mrs. R. A. Prescott, *Corresponding Secretary.*

FLORIDA.

We feel much encouraged over our year's work—interest is being aroused throughout the Conference. We have received reports from Auxiliaries that have not sent a report before, and we have now organized a Queen Esther Circle in Jacksonville that gives promise of being a real, live and helpful class of young people.

Last October on the Ocala District was held a Woman's Home Missionary Convention, which was quite a success and over thirty dollars were raised for the cause.

The members have all pledged themselves to do all in their power to have this year's report excel all others, for we are not content to rest upon the success of the past, but indeed to press forward to greater achievements in the future.

Mrs. Jas. P. Patterson, *Acting Corresponding Secretary.*

GENESEE.

Yesterday we were questioning whether our Conference Society had fulfilled its mission. To-day it is entering upon a wider field of service than ever before. The Lord hath done great things for us. Having put forth our best efforts, we are rejoicing in the returns. Memberships have increased, and we have stepped over the three thousand mark. We have answered the Master, when He said, "I do not say to thee how thou owest Me, even thine own self, besides by the giving of yourself." Because for the work of Christ, "to supply your lack" has been the response

to the Department of Supplies. The persuasiveness of the mite-box has proven that we are not "cursed with the lust of gold." Knowing that youth is the only time to think and decide on a great course, Mrs. George S. Searle, our Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, has verified this by being quietly persistent in organizing and strengthening this department, not allowing mole hills to become mountains of difficulty, and thus bringing into the service of the Master an army of workers; thus bringing joy into our hearts, while victory crowns her efforts.

We were asked to relinquish the valuable service of our beloved Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Millspaugh, who for eighteen years had wrought marvelous things with the funds entrusted to her care. Very reluctantly she was granted her request, but she will be a member of the Executive Board, having been called to be our Treasurer Emeritus. We pray earnestly for a complete recovery of her health and strength. Mrs. J. G. Meidenbauer, of Buffalo District, was elected Conference Treasurer.

Our Orphanage under the direction of Mrs. Turney is growing not only in numbers, but in interest in the hearts of the people. Words fail to convey the appreciation of a needy public's demands, civic and home, and even national, made upon the "King's Daughters" in our Conference Home at Buffalo, N. Y. Their record is on high, but we want to work and pray as never before for their welfare in caring for the various causes, demanding their care and atteneion. With our efficient President, Mrs. B. U. Taylor, at the helm we hope to lengthen our ropes and strengthen our stakes unto a larger victory for Christ.

MRS. DANIEL SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

HOLSTON.

We come again to the Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Holston Conference. As we take a birdseye view of the work of the year, we feel it has not been entirely in vain. However, as we read the splendid reports of some of the other Conferences we feel inclined to be discouraged until we compare dates, figures, etc,, then we take fresh courage and press on. When we consider we are a young, pioneer Conference, we are vere grateful for what we have been enabled to do. At the same time we ask ourselves the question, have we done all we could have done?

We have gained four new Auxiliaries during the year, while we have lost more than that number of small, weak ones. However, we have made a net gain of 103 members. We have now 18 good, active Auxiliaries with 565 members. There were four Queen Esther Circles organized, making five in all, with a membership of about 200. One of the new ones is very active, having already sent one of their members to the Training School. Miss Greta Leigh was with us last Spring and was quite an inspiration to the young people. We now have a fine Secretary and are expecting the Young People's Work to advance.

There were a number of scholarships paid into the different Homes and Schools, and I am glad to report even more being pledged for the coming year. I have sent out an Auxiliary letter, asking for pledges, which is being well responded to. And we paid $45 into the Boston Immigrant Home Building Fund.

Our Mite-boxes yielded about $40. which was very gratifying, as that department had not been emphasized until last year. We now have a fine Secretary, who is pressing the use of the Mite-boxes, and we are

expecting good returns another year. Our Supply Work has not been neglected, and a number of our preachers have received the convenient box or barrel.

And now as we start into a new year it is with the desire to do more for the Master than we have done in the past.

MRS. J. M. PLYLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

IDAHO.

Idaho Conference is still on the map. Our organizations have lived and prospered. We have not been able to add new Auxiliaries, though in several instances the fields have been white unto harvest. We have had no organizer with us during the year. Mrs. Cotton Mather is just now working in this Conference for ten days; we are sure of some good results.

The special appropriation of $500 for Idaho was not announced in time for all of us to help. About $200 has been raised on this fund.

If some of our new fields can be helped by the Woman's Home Missionary Society *now,* in a short time they will be helping the mother Society, as Twin Falls has this year. They have paid off a hundred-dollar bond, beside doing their regular wark.

Most of our members have studied the book, "The Conservation of National Ideals."

We have sent several boxes, have kept up our scholarships and paid our dues and feel that we have been learning some things.

We regret to say some of our funds have come in too late to be counted this year, but the money is now in the work and the results are with our Father.

MRS. G. W. BARNES, *Conference President.*

ILLINOIS.

It seems scarcely possible that it is time for another annual report to be given. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our Conference during this last year has been in many respects very satisfactory. It is true we have not made the advance we had hoped, but we see and feel substantial progress.

Our Conference Convention, held in Lincoln last November, was a great inspiration to the many women who attended. We were favored by having with us during the convention Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Miss Carrie Barge and Mrs. C. Bernheim, who proved a great blessing to us. Our District officers are consecrated women, doing enthusiastic and conscientious service. We held good District Meetings in each of our Districts, and the women were all in favor of aggressive action. We had Miss Swartz with us at five of these meetings and Mrs. Bernheim at the other two.

At the meeting in Wichita we pledged an increase of 100 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* and I am glad to report 230 additional subscribers.

Our Supply Work shows an increase of $393.52. Our Treasurer's report is more than $1,500 in advance of the previous year.

By the constant work of our Conference Organizer, Miss Olive Dunlap,

who is also our Secretary for Young People, we can report seven new Auxiliaries and 12 new Queen Esther Circles with a corresponding increase in membership. Our ministers are much more cordial to our work, and we are receiving invitations to come and organize in their charges.

We have completed and partly furnished Sheldon Hall, the new school building at Cunningham Children's Home, named for one of our kind benefactors. It is a handsome and substantial building, admirably adapted to its use and will enable us to care for more children. Our new Superintendent and Assistant, Mr. and Mrs. X. M. Fowler, are the right people in the right place.

We are glad that we are able to report such encouraging conditions in our Conference, and we hope that the work this year may be far in advance of any previous one.

MRS. S. A. BULLARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

INDIANA.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Indiana Conference is improving along all lines.

We have 66 Auxiliaries with 2,059 members, 1 College Girls' Auxiliary with 17 members, 26 Circles with 675 members, 10 Home Guards with 295 members, and 37 Jewel Bands with 1,755 members. Total 5,701 members.

Our Young People's Work has increased under the leadership of our Young People's Secretary, Miss Leo Stephenson.

Our District Meetings, held in May, were better attended and the interest greater than usual. As Conference Corresponding Secretary I attended all of them.

Our Conference Treasurer reports cash, $5,234.47; vouchers, $3,982.41; value of supplies, $1,554.86. Total, $10,771.74; gain of $4,221.46.

Our Mite-box Secretary reported $1,219.79; a gain of $157.64.

Our Supply Secretary, Mrs. L. Sperry, has done excellent work; besides her cash and new supplies, she has sent out 490 books.

We have a new Deaconess Home, with Miss Mary Knapp, one of our Deaconesses, as Superintendent, with four other Deaconesses stationed there. One of our Deaconesses, Miss Lottie Conner, has gone to the foreign field. Our Hospital Guild is doing good work. Our Annual Meeting will be held October 29th, 30th and 31st in Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, and we will have Mrs. C. Bernheim with us. Our program is full of good things.

The Young People will have the first evening, giving "Darkness and Light." May we pray and work for a great year.

MRS. ALFRED STRATFORD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

IOWA.

We have not achieved all that we hoped, yet the results of the year's work are most cheering. There is a steadily increasing interest in Home Missions throughout the Conference. More doors have been opened to us, and we have had more calls for speakers than at any time since the present Secretary has been connected with the Society.

We have gained four new Auxiliaries and five Circles. We are pleased with the work of the Queen Esther girls. Several Circles have made voluntary pledges of amounts exceeding those of last year.

Our literature is being read as never before; 766 copies of *Woman's Home Missions* and 265 copies of *Children's Home Missions* are taken. More leaflets were distributed, more text-books used than ever before, and for the first time since its organization the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Iowa Conference published a Year Book.

Burlington District is to have a circulating library, and will put *Woman's Home Missions* into every parsonage in the district where no Society is organized. Conference and district meetings were well attended.

Graham Hospital has closed its most successful year. It has given to charity 89½ weeks, at a money value of $1,052.

The outlook for the present year is promising.

MRS. NAOMI DAY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KANSAS.

As we stand on the threshold of another year and take a retrospective view of the things undertaken and the work actually accomplished, we rejoice that at least a fair degree of success has been attained.

We have had an increase in membership aside from some new Auxiliaries that have been organized. The district meetings were well attended, and the enthusiasm so clearly manifest can not fail to awaken a lively and increasing interest. Mrs. Howard M. Chandler, of Manhattan, Kan., Secretary of Young People's Work, attended four of the meetings and gave helpful addresses. At the Topeka District meeting we were favored with an illuminating address by Rev. Bruce Kinney, author of the text-book on Mormonism.

Miss Carrie Barge was the speaker at our Conference Anniversary meeting, and her address, which was both able and inspiring, was listened to by an audience which filled the church, expressing appreciation in a most generous offering.

As to finances, we are in good shape, and we believe reports will show a substantial increase.

Our Conference is well organized, and may I suggest that the time is ripe for an aggressive campaign for new members? Every Christian woman who loves our Lord and believes in His Church should join us in the work God has called us to do.

We have many splendid women who would unite heart and soul with us if they only had a vision and could see conditions and needs. Can we not find time and opportunity to lay the work on their hearts? Consecrated labor can not fail of large success. God is leading, and there is power in prayer. Let us go forward to larger things with the assurance of certain victory.

MRS. CARRIE L. LAYTON *(Retiring Secretary.)*

The work of the Kansas Conference the past year has been largely constructive. For some time the officers have felt that to hold our own was great victory.

This fiscal year we have added three new Auxiliaries and five Queen Esther Circles.

The Conference Meeting was held in June this year. So large was the attendance and so satisfactory the results, that June was chosen as the month for this meeting, with District meetings in November.

Mrs. Cotton Mather is to spend the month of November with us,

help in our District meetings and with the large number of missionary campaign meetings which have been planned.

This Conference is praying and working to the end that work may be carried on at Haskell Institute. This school, which is located within our Conference, is the second largest Indian school, with over 700 students over fourteen years of age, from 71 tribes. There is large opportunity to care for the spiritual welfare of these Indians, who have been won to our Church by the arduous toil of some missionary on the Reservation, as well as to minister to those who have not been touched by the gospel of Christ. The Board of Trustees approved this work, and we are now beginning in a small way which, with the Father's approval, we hope to see grow and develop.

The "Day of Prayer" was the crowning day of the year to our Conference.

So efficient has been the work of our "Legal Committee," authorized to act for our Conference in the case of the "Cope corporation," that the court has decreed that Mrs. Cope must return to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Kansas Conference both principal and interest in the Fanny Murray bequest.

FLORA WARK BECHTEL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KENTUCKY.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Kentucky Conference has again lost its President. Mrs. Onstott, in labors abundant and always optimistic, moved to Indiana in January, but has faithfully tried to solve all problems incident to new work, and we rejoice that she is to continue on the Board for Kentucky. The Society regrets losing her, but welcomes as its new President Mrs. O. G. Ragan, a Kentucky woman, the wife of Rev. O. G. Ragan, a native Kentucky preacher who was appointed Louisville District Superintendent at the recent session of the Conference in Barbourville.

The good news of the adoption of the "Kentucky twins" at Olive Hill and Harlan by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, at the annual meeting in Wichita, was most cheering and helpful, not only to the Conference Society and all connected with those points, but to the entire State.

Kindergartens have been in operation at both places during the year.

A building has been purchased, adjoining the land given us at Harlan, in which school will be opened while awaiting the erection of the new one. Ground was broken at Olive Hill in June for the school, which it is hoped will be ready for use by January, 1913. Those of us who were favored in being present and seeing the enthusiasm of many who gathered there will not soon forget it. Mrs. Aiken, the efficient Chairman of Kentucky work, who with Mrs. Onstott, in all kinds of weather, visited the points offered, selected the site, cheered the givers and workers, overlooked and decided on the three plans for the building, was there to enjoy it.

The Conference Society meeting, held in Lexington, October 9th and 10th, is to be favored by having Miss Barge, who will be an inspiration to all, but especially to our young people. During the year we have gained two Auxiliaries, four Circles, and several Children's Bands.

Miss Cooley, who served in Lexington two years as Travelers' Aid, has labored untiringly at Olive Hill during the year. Her successor in

Lexington, Miss McConnell, a graduate of Cincinnati Training School, is a worthy one.

Reports from the Districts indicate zeal along all lines—pledges met, with desire to make this year the best. Interest expressed and financial aid given to help "the twins" outside our State, are encouraging, and we take as our marching orders, "Enlarge the place of thy tent; lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes."

Miss Julia Hawthorne Shaw, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LEXINGTON.

With glad heart I bring you greetings from Lexington Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. We can if we will, and we will if God wills. It was with this determination that the women of our Society started at the beginning of the new year; and, after hearing the reports from our Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, we are made to rejoice for all that we had set before us at the beginning of the year to accomplish has been done and we shall plan for greater victories next year.

Our twelfth Annual Meeting, held in Covington, Ky., was the best in our history. We are proud to state that the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Conference had its origin in this Church.

Reports show that the women of the Conference have not failed to meet their requirements, and we can report a large increase along many lines of work. The Districts have efficient officers, who feel their responsibility and who desire to measure up to the magnitude of the work. The Treasurer's report shows that in twelve years the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Lexington Conference has increased from 2 Auxiliaries and 24 members to 66 Auxiliaries and 552 members. A membership contest was started last January, to close at our annual meeting in June, and a prize was offered to the District Corresponding Secretary in whose District the most new members was reported. The prize was awarded to the Ohio District Secretary, which was a beautiful pin of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Reports show that we now have 381 Auxiliary members, 256 new members, 235 Circle, 84 Home Guard, and 218 Jewel members, making a total of 1,174 members, and 101 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 37 to *Children's Home Missions.*

The Treasurer's report shows that $722.63 was sent to the general Treasurer, and $900 was raised for local work, making a total of $1,622.63. Last year we won back the financial banner from the Washington Conference, and it was a source of inspiration to us at our annual meeting. The young people are becoming more and more interested, through their leader, Mrs. Robert Clay, who gives much time and thought in planning to make the work attractive.

Our Supply Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Topson, planned a silk and linen shower in honor of our twelfth anniversary, and quite a large amount of beautiful and useful things were received and sent to some of our Homes and schools. Our Secretary of Literature has distributed thousands of pages of literature and Annual Reports to each Auxiliary. The Mite-box and Thank Offerings show a marked increase. We are glad to have Miss Bessie M. Garrison with us throughout our meeting, and her beautiful words thrilled us and many hearts were won for the cause through her earnest pleadings. We also had with us Mrs. I. D. Jones and our own dear Sister Mason, who never loses an opportunity to say a word for the

deaconess cause, and I feel sure that the 66 delegates and 43 visitors who made up this convention went to their homes with renewed zeal and feeling from the many good thoughts advanced and brilliant ideas suggested that we might with credit have called it a Chautauqua instead of an anniversary. We meet next year the last week in June at St. Mark Church, Chicago, Ill.

While as a Conference we are encouraged with the results achieved, we are not satisfied. We take up the work of another year with deeper consecration and a sincere desire to do more for Christ and the homeland.

Mrs. James P. Monroe, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LINCOLN.

Our organization is improving in all lines. We have an increase of members, who are beginning to feel that they should engage in this great work. We are learning more about the work, and are proud to know that we are a part of that great army of women helping to win America for Christ.

Our work is steadily growing, and we have been successful in organizing several Auxiliaries, Mothers' Jewels, Queen Esther Circles, and Home Guards, and we hope to grow in numbers, as we know to make good, strong, conscientious women in the future we must train our young people.

Our Conference is young, and many of the Churches have no Auxiliary at all; the women being much interested in our local Ladies' Aid Societies makes it hard to get them interested in the Woman's Home Missionary Society work. But we shall continue to press forward and try to reach the remote parts of our Conference and organize as many Auxiliaries as we can.

We just closed a successful Annual Convention, held at Coffeyville, Kan., the 3d to the 6th of this month, which was a very inspiring occasion. Miss Bessie M. Garrison was mith us and gave us valuable information and counsel. We felt her presence an honor to our meeting.

We are anxious to do something for the industrial Homes, which are doing so much to elevate our girls. We feel that we are steadily moving upward. This is the work of the Master and will succeed.

We are looking forward to a more successful year than we have ever known, for as the work of our Society is better understood the more it commends itself to the Church, and much seed has been sown this year which we expect to grow and the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society move on rapidly.

Mrs. M. J. McKay, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LITTLE ROCK.

Our efforts have been blessed of the Master this past year. Much credit is due the Conference officers, the pastors, and entire membership for loyal co-operation. The reports of various departments show unflagging zeal, with no small sacrifice on the part of many of the workers. There have been many obstacles, for the severe winter weather caused much suffering among our people, but they have been loyal to our work.

The plan has been adopted of asking each member to contribute $2 aside from dues, and in this way our pledges can easily be met.

A new Auxiliary of 21 members was organized at our Conference meeting, each of whom made the right start by securing a copy of the Annual Report. The result of the year's work is 4 new Auxiliaries, a large increase in the number of subscribers to *Home Missions,* 2 scholarships in the Adeline Smith Home. We are planning to spend one entire month in the various districts and recruit dormant work.

At the Ministerial Conference meeting we were happy to have Mrs. Nasmyth and the girls of the Adeline Smith Home, furnishing splendid music. Bishop David H. Moore gave a helpful message, while Rev. D. J. W. Bowen, of Atlanta, delivered an inspiring address, enthusing all present for greater efforts in the work.

While our Conference has not come up to our desire and plans, yet the blessed Savior smiled upon our efforts. Our beloved President, Mrs. M. F. Thorten, pastors, Conference officials, Christian women in the charges, co-operative efforts advanced the work and the success achieved is their reward for loyal service.

The reports of the Secretaries of departments and Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Gray, show unflagging zeal, untiring efforts, with no small sacrifice, the past year. The rheumatic illness of the Secretary caused less correspondence than usual; her right hand, arm, and leg suffered greatly a long while. The cold, wet, rainy winter and spring caused many of the people to be almost destitute of home comforts and money, hence all a great hindrance to financial success. But the Secretary's last formulated plan, to have every Auxiliary pay $2, aside from membership dues, will help pay all our pledges before the national meeting.

The pastor, Rev. J. R. Fields, and his good people nobly entertained the annual convention, and large credit is due them for whatever success we had. The new Auxiliary organized at the convention; 21 members joined—18 women and 3 men, each buying the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Four new Auxiliaries have been organized, and there has been a large increase in subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.* Two scholarships are pledged for Adeline Smith Home this year.

I found at the annual meeting and other places recently visited a growing desire upon our women and men to enlist in the work. By invitation of many of the pastors and District workers the Secretary plans to spend a month in the charges and District Conferences to organize and recruit dormant work.

Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, at the Sunday morning services at the annual Conference, with her girls' musical voices added greatly to the worship, while Bishop Moore's great gospel words fell from his lips with grateful heart for the past and hopefulness for the future.

The Secretary paid her traveling expenses to the National Meeting at Wichita, Kan., $5.25 excepted; and her traveling expenses to the Annual Conference on pledge to aid the work.

We were fortunate in securing D. J. W. Bowen, of Atlanta, Ga., to give the anniversary address at Conference. His clear, strong, comprehensive words gave new life to our work. We enter the work this new year to do all we can to push it to greater success on all lines. Our membership increased over last year encouragingly. We need your prayers and sympathy.

Mrs. G. N. Johnson, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LOUISIANA.

We have come to the closing of another year's work. In some instances we are telling the same old story of disappointed hopes and frustrated plans; then again, we are rejoicing over victories won.

On account of the unprecedented overflow and high water this year much suffering and distress have been witnessed in the Louisiana Conference, and the same have kept us from having our annual convention as usual this year. This has caused a falling off, especially in the report of moneys. We are hoping and praying for greater things in this Conference. We rejoice to say that Peck Home is completed and ready to receive students. Too much can not be said of Mrs. E. L. Knostman by way of commendation for the way she toiled for the erection and completion of the Home. We feel very much encouraged in the rebuilding of Peck Home, and pray that much good may be done by sending out girls with trained hands and minds and consecrated hearts.

Miss Cornelia Hayman, *Secretary.*

MAINE.

As we review the work of the past year we realize that we have not accomplished great things, yet we have been able to do something to help advance our Society. Our workers have been loyal in their various lines of work and have readily responded to the demands made upon them.

We are sorry not to report any new organizations. We have 43 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 771. We have had no field worker during the year, thus the Societies have depended upon their own resources. As a natural result, we have not made the advance in our work we had hoped for.

At our Conference anniversary Miss Bertha Fowler gave a strong, spirited address and was an inspiration to all who heard her. Miss Irene Worrill gave an interesting account of the Deaconess Work.

Our Deaconess Home is a large factor in Maine Conference. Last year we were regretting the departure of Miss King, our Superintendent; we are now rejoicing over her return. Present plans give us an accession of six deaconesses, who will be associated with her in the Home and Conference. One hundred dollars has been paid on the mortgage and about $200 on repairs and refurnishing of the Home.

The Amee Rest Home in Gardiner, under the superintendency of Miss Jennie O. Robinson, is doing a valuable work and is self-sustaining.

We have held two District meetings, which were well attended. Mrs. Annie O. Clark addressed the Portland District and was heard with interest and profit. Our work was ably presented at Old Orchard by Rev. Gay C. White, pastor of Pine Street Church, Portland.

Miss Worrill presented the Fresh Air work. Our deaconesses were present and assisted at all the camp meetings.

Mrs. D. D. Holt, our Conference President, is much interested in the work and is interesting others. Through her efforts our Deaconess Home has become a place of beauty and a joy to the inmates. Fresh paint and paper, some new rugs, and furniture have been added, much to the comfort and attractiveness of the Home.

We plan to have a national organizer after our annual meeting. With the good spirit existing in our Societies such visitation will be of great

advantage. Our finances have kept up, and when we have our Deaconess Home paid for we will be able to pledge more for General Work.

We are looking forward with a vision of great things for the coming year, and as a Conference Society we pledge our loyalty and ask your prayers. Sincerely,

Mrs. W. J. Weir, *Conference Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.

Michigan Conference has had a year of varied experiences. The Corresponding Secretary has been ill the whole year. Much of her work has been done by the President and Vice-President. Through the bank failure at Albion, Mich., our Society lost nearly $1,200, $646 of which amount has been replaced. Thanks are due Auxiliaries and friends. We hope to recover the balance. While our hearts were somewhat depressed, not discouraged, the glad news came of a bequest of $1,000 left our Conference Society by a member of First Church Auxiliary, Grand Rapids. This gift came, so far as I have been able to learn, unsolicited by any one. We have not yet decided what disposition to make of it. All of the District meetings were held and each reported the best meeting ever. We have had no general organization of our own this year.

Mrs. D. M. Wood visited one of our District meetings and organized a number of new Societies. Mrs. Wood will always have a welcome in our Conference. We are planning to make the most of Home Mission Week. We can report a substantial growth along all lines. Our Thank Offerings this last year were nearly $1,000, an increase over last year of $220. Our Mite-boxes contained $754.75, an increase of $89 over last year. We pay the salaries of four missionaries from these two funds. There has been an increase of $245 in Auxiliary dues. Notwithstanding our loss all of our pledges have been paid in full excepting $385, which we hope to pay soon. At our Conference meeting last November we voted to assume a $1,000 bond. We have been obliged to drop it for the present. We were one of the Conferences to pay our full apportionment on the debt. We hope we will be able to help out on the bond next year.

We are constantly trying to increase interest in our literature, for we know our success will depend largely upon our vision of the needs. Our Aldrich Deaconess Home and Training School is pushing ahead under the careful management of its wise Superintendent, Mrs. Ella Hartshorn. We are not contented with present attainments, but will keep on praying as though *all* depended upon God and working as though all depended upon us.

Mrs. F. A. Hall, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MINNESOTA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Minnesota Conference has great cause for rejoicing. We have increased in Societies and membership.

The General Conference meeting in our sister city, Minneapolis, made it possible for us to enjoy all the good things there. Our anniversary was a day to be remembered by all. The Summer School of Missions is now established in our midst. Miss Carrie Barge and Mrs. M. L. Woodruff were there this summer, giving of their rich experience and knowledge.

Miss C. K. Swartz, deaconess and national organizer, was with us for a year. She covered nearly our entire Conference, doing much good. Some of the tangible results of her stay are 7 new Auxiliaries, 7 Queen Esther Circles, 2 Home Guard Bands, and 10 Reading Circles, each of these new Societies using the text-book and subscribing for at least one copy of *Woman's Home Missions*.

Our Secretary of Young People's Work organized 2 new Queen Esther Circles, and Mrs. H. L. Hill of New York reorganized one. Mrs. Hill served us at two District meetings, giving the address at each.

We sent $863.78 cash supplies to the frontier, 45 Societies represented. Our Mite-boxes netted $126.89, reported, 382 boxes sent out.

Cash from all sources in the Conference, $9,741.43, a gain over last year of $1,683.70.

We have a District meeting on each of our Districts. We feel that much interest is being manifested in these meetings and hope to have the work benefited by the Home Mission campaign.

Our pledges of last year have been met. We hope to do just a little better every year.

MRS. G. F. JENNINGS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MISSOURI.

Each year we have added to our forces, until we have 9 Auxiliaries with a total membership of 220.

During part of February and March Miss Carrie Barge very ably and acceptably served in the first itinerary we have undertaken, with the following results: 5 new Auxiliaries and 1 Queen Esther Circle with an added membership of 108; 12 Churches were visited and seed sown, in addresses, at 30 different meetings; 48 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* were secured and 51 text-books sold.

Mrs. F. E. Day, Conference Treasurer, reports $138.55 dues, $25.25 Thank Offering, $9.30 Mite-box, $130 scholarship Fisk Training School, $61.20 Special, $40.80 Voucher.

In June two more Circles were reported organized, with a membership of 30.

At our Conference anniversary we are planning to elect Secretaries for additional lines of work.

Inspired by former success, we are trusting our Heavenly Father to bless us in another year's service for Him.

MRS. C. J. CHASE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MONTANA.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Montana Conference has been encouraging, although we have not been able to form any new organizations. Those already existing have done better work and accomplished more than any previous year.

We are working and praying that greater results may crown our efforts this year and the cause of the Master be advanced on all lines.

MRS. N. E. CHURCH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEBRASKA.

We can hardly sum up in a few words and figures all that has been accomplished by our sixteen hundred members during the past year. Much has been done that only eternity can reveal.

We have organized during the year eight new Auxiliaries and seven new Queen Esther Circles, besides Jewels and Bands.

To Mrs. Clara L. Dobson, our National Organizer, is due the credit for securing the most of these organizations. We think the number could have been doubled had it not been for the fact that our Wesleyan University was trying to secure $400,000 endowment and the pastors were exchanging pulpits, and it was a difficult matter to get an opportunity to present the cause of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We pledged $3,600, and overpaid it. We became responsible for five bonds and hope to have the money in hand before our Conference Convention, November 1st. We expect to burn our bonds at that time.

Mrs. Leslie Stevens, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEWARK.

We are very glad to report an increase in membership during the past year. Our Conference pledges have been met in gospel fashion, "pressed down and running over." Encouraging reports have been received from all departments of our work. Our Young People's Secretaries report an advance in membership and an increased interest shown among our young people. Our Mite-box Secretary reports a very substantial increase in monies gathered through these silent collectors—our Mite-boxes. Splendid work has been done also through our Supply Department. We have had a larger circulation of our literature and a greater increase in the amount of sales of our study books, leaflets, calendars, etc., than any previous year. We are pleased to report a larger number of subscribers to our two Society organs, *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions.* Our "slogan" for the coming year is: "A woman's paper for every woman, and a child's paper for every child." We have great cause for rejoicing in the reports received from our two Deaconess Homes, one located in Jersey City, N. J., and the other in Newark, N. J. I fear we often fail to appreciate just what these statistical reports of our deaconesses stand for and how far-reaching is this intelligent, Christ-like work of such consecrated women engaged in their labor of love, and how deeply felt the ministry of these willing hands as they go forth on their errands of helpfulness. We can never know or estimate what the visits of these angels of mercy mean to the sick and the sorrowing, and to those for whom the shadows have been lengthened. Thousands have indeed been saved for the kingdom through the ministration of our deaconesses; numbers of needy ones in our great cities, who could have been reached in no other way, have been sought out by these women of the white tie. We believe that the two Deaconess Homes within the bounds of the Newark Conference are to many weary hearts veritable Houses of Refuge, and, like the lighthouses at sea, they have guided many a hopeless wanderer into the one sure and safe haven.

As a Conference organization our hearts are indeed grateful for this privilege of service. We pray for the coming year that we may have a fuller and clearer vision of our opportunities unaccepted; of our fields unharvested; barren places untilled, and a keener appreciation of our per-

sonal responsibility in helping to redeem our homeland for Christ our King. Truly, there is so much work to be done, and the time to do it is *now*. It has been said that the human touch is indispensable, that no delegated service will answer the expectation of Him "who went about doing good." We would that during this year our highest ambition should be to make our service pleasing unto Him, and may we endeavor so to serve that when time for us shall have merged into eternity we shall not fail to receive the commendation, "Well done, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

MRS. HEDLEY R. WOODWARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND.

Our Society closes the year with glad and grateful hearts. Our desire has been fulfilled, and the new Immigrants' Home building has become a reality. The building has been dedicated free of debt, and we realize that we owe much to the Auxiliaries all over our land, who have helped to make this possible. We wish they all might see our beautiful building. We believe that the work done here, and in our Medical Mission, can not be surpassed anywhere.

The Conference receipts for the Immigrants' Home building have been $10,070.89; paid to the general treasury, $4,755.14. Total, $14,826.03. Supplies sent, including freight, $814.32. One district has made a net gain of 34 members; another district has 3 new Auxiliaries, organized through the efforts of the indefatigable Secretary.

The Young People's organization have 7 new Circles on two districts, another district has 79 new members. The Conference Secretary removed from our midst, and the need for caring for these new children of ours has been great, but we have given them one of our very best District Secretaries for their leader, and we prophesy a year of growth for them.

Six hundred and forty Guards and Jewels have raised $203.13.

Systematic beneficence has been regularly presented to us in a forceful and convincing way, and the list of individual tithers is increasing at a rather encouraging rate.

Twenty-five Auxiliary Secretaries are reported.

Miss Bertha Fowler was the speaker at the Conference anniversary in Springfield last April, and also at a rally in Lynn District and at a quarterly meeting. Her visit was greatly enjoyed.

We are hoping and, I believe, working that Home Mission Week and the coming of Mrs. Hallie Hill may mean the strengthening and the upbuilding of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society within our boundaries.

MRS. G. E. PARKES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

As a result of loving interest and earnest effort on the part of the officers and members of our Society, I bring you good tidings. Seventy new members have been enrolled, 2 new Auxiliaries organized, a perceptible growth in the Young People's Work, 149 new subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* special gifts, increased finances, and pledges paid $2,925.

Substantial aid has been given one sister Conference, the New Eng-

land, in the great work it has accomplished in building the Immigrant Home at East Boston. The large kitchen is to have inscribed upon a plate the names, "New Hampshire Conference" and "New England Southern Conference." The Auxiliary at Stafford Springs, Conn., has named a room and the Auxiliary at New London, Conn., has named two windows. Other Auxiliaries have made generous contributions.

Two sewing machines have been forwarded to Browning Home. This gift was made possible by cash donations from many Auxiliaries and Circles.

Early in the year two gifts were received by the Treasurer—one of $200 to maintain a scholarship for four years at the home at Boaz, Okla., and $100 to maintain a perpetual memorial scholarship at Mitchell Home.

Three Life Members and two Jewel Life Members have been enrolled.

An annual meeting has been held by each District organization. These gatherings have been unusually profitable.

Plans for work have been carefully considered the fulfillment of which has added somewhat to the advance which we are able to report. Officers and members of Auxiliaries have visited neighboring Societies, interchanging ideas and giving helpful suggestions, in this way proving a blessing to each other.

The Department Secretaries have faithfully performed their duties. The Secretary of Supplies reports: New goods and freight, $429.22; number of partly worn garments, 756; books, magazines, papers, cards, etc., sent to pastors in the South and West and to our schools. Mite-boxes are used by many Auxiliaries and Circles. Systematic beneficence has gained the attention of the Auxiliaries as never before. Sermons have been preached and talks given in Junior Leagues and Sunday schools. We have been fortunate in securing Mrs. Helen I. Benson, of Warren, R. I., as Press Superintendent. In order to make this department a success the co-operation of every Auxiliary is necessary.

Literature has been distributed at every opportunity. Many leaflets have been circulated at the Conference Anniversary, annual and District meetings and the camp meetings; 150 copies of the Annual Report have been used; 54 copies of *Woman's Home Missions* have found their way into parsonages where the paper was not subscribed for.

We have been aroused to greater activity by the helpful addresses of Rev. William F. Frye, D. D., and Miss Alice M. Guernsey at our last annual meeting.

Mrs. Amanda C. Clark presented the needs of the Immigrant Home at East Boston at the annual meeting of Norwich District. Miss Bertha Fowler, in an eloquent and forcible way, presented the work of our Society in the various fields, at the Conference anniversary. Mrs. Annie O. Clark has rendered efficient service in visits to Auxiliaries.

Rev. Walter J. Yates gave the address at the Willimantic camp ground.

The President, Mrs. Walter P. Buck, has responded to many calls from Auxiliaries and Circles. Her enthusiastic and stirring appeals have been effective, and to her efforts in a large measure is due the success which we report for this year.

We gladly welcome the two new Auxiliaries—Thomson Church, Pawtucket, R. I., and South Manchester, Conn.

Number of Auxiliaries, 40; total membership, 1,147; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 489; subscribers to *Children's Home Missions*, 582. Received from Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, and Jewels, $4,574.99, distributed as follows: General Fund, $1,283.03; Student Aid, $1,962.10; Special, $1,329.86; total, $4,574.99.

Mrs. H. L. Hill, National Field Secretary, is to visit our Conference for part of the month of November. We are looking for an abundant harvest from her labors with us.

While we are truly grateful for the achievements of the past, we do not wish to be content, but to press forward, expecting even greater prosperity as a reward for the greater service which the larger responsibilities demand. MRS. ALBERT W. ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The past year's history in New Hampshire Conference has varied but little from that of several years past. While steady, conscientious work has been going on in many of our Auxiliaries, a quiet apathy has settled on others. Though our membership has not increased as we had hoped, we have prospered financially, more pledges were made than ever before and have been paid. The outlook for this year is good. We have this year sent a young lady from our Conference to the National Training School at Washington and have assumed her support. We have had no General Organizer for an itinerary for several years, none being available. For what we have accomplished much credit is due to our local faithful workers, who are so loyal to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. At our Conference Anniversary Miss Bertha Fowler was with us much to our delight and gave a most interesting and inspiring address. Other anniversary meetings have been held with interesting local speakers, who kindly gave their services. May we all have courage, wisdom and strength to so work that the record for this year may show much greater progress. MRS. E. B. SAVAGE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW JERSEY.

This has been our best year financially, for which we are truly thankful, and surely the increase in dollars means also increase of interest. All our money pledged at Wichita has been paid, and other causes, not pledged to, have been helped greatly. May I ask all, who read this report of New Jersey Conference, to carefully read the report of Bancroft Rest Home, the only Home within our Conference connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The work there done is beautiful and far-reaching in its results.

Our Supply Work receives the devotion of our Conference women, and the young people are a joy and pride, in fact the faithfulness and devotion of Conference and District officers as well as the individual workers, inspire us to renewed efforts for the enlargement of our work, and we are always happy over the thought that the promise was not given to the successful servant but to the faithful one.

MRS. WESLEY B. STOUT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW MEXICO.

The members of our Conference Society are earnest and capable women, working for an uplift of New Mexico.

This Conference is pioneer territory. Churches are far apart, many

of them still missions, but we hope at the close of the coming year to have at least one District organized and several more Auxiliaries, as a result of the work now under way.

We are deeply interested and contribute to the work in El Paso, Albuquerque school for girls, Tucson, Arizona, school, Indian work at Farmington, and to the general fund. The work among our Young People is growing.

We are very proud of our new Harwood Deaconess Hospital, the property being the gift of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Porterfield in memory of their daughter Jean Porterfield. The ranch, given by Dr. Harwood, is to be sold and used for hospital funds. This is the only Methodist Episcopal Hospital in New Mexico and Arizona, and we hope to be able to do much charity work. Our cottages and rooms are full, and we need more cottages. Settlement Work will begin in El Paso the 1st of October. The large, substantial building, now being erected, will enable us to care for quite a number of children.

We desire to do more for the Master this year than ever before. "We go forward in His name."

Mrs. Mollie C. Leaming, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

The New York Conference reports faithful and earnest work, all pledges met and an increasing interest in the ever widening work of our Society. We have within our bounds two of the most important departments represented—the Home for Immigrant Girls and the Watts de Peyster Home for Girls. These come always first in our thought, but our hearts and our hands, with all the help we can give, go out to the farthest borders of our land. Our pledges this year include interests in the arctic regions and under the tropical sun, as well as in the East and West. Our women are being trained to lift their eyes from the nearby things and to behold the far reach of the fields which are white to the harvest. Though we have not any wonderful advances to report for this year, yet the record of the years tells the story of progress. In the year 1900-1901 the sixteen pledges totaled $1,990. In 1911-1912 the sixty pledges made and paid totaled $5,600. "Our cause is marching on."

Each of the four Districts has held an annual meeting, and all were marked by earnestness, enthusiasm, and high purpose. Our Conference Annual Meeting and also our Conference Anniversary, at which Bishop Wilson gave an inspiring address, were most helpful.

Many of our Auxiliaries are located where the needs of the foreign people all around are very pressing. We long for the day when there shall be enough Italian Deaconesses to supply the need and do what no other can.

To New York Conference has been given the great honor and privilege of being the home Conference of Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, so long our National President, who on New Years Day began to live beyond the realm of counted years. For many years the monthly meeting of the Conference Board of Managers was held in her home, with her daughter, our beloved President, presiding; and the wise plans, the high ideals, and the far vision which were theirs have been a blessed school for us all. We mourn to-day, but we rejoice also and call her blessed; and we take for ours her own words, "Forward, not failure, shall be our motto."

Mrs. P. M. Watters, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK EAST.

With a membership of over 3,000, represented by over 45 Auxiliaries, 34 Circles, and 17 Bands, we have been marching onward toward a clear understanding of the needs of the organization, and the high ideals for which the Woman's Home Missionary Society stands.

Three new Auxiliaries and two new Circles have been added; and in every department of the work there has been an evidence of growth.

Our Young People's Work has advanced in interest and membership.

Our loyal District officers have been instrumental in advancing the work, and the District meetings have shown increased interest.

Within the scope of our Conference two Deaconess Homes, with a Training School in each, are maintained. The students in the New Haven Home are favored in the privilege of receiving part of their training at Yale College.

In June Miss Mary A. Mahon, Superintendent of the Brooklyn Deaconess Home, went to join the "Choir Invisible." Her superintendency in the Home was preceded by many years of success as a field worker in the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Her loss is sustained by the Brooklyn Deaconess Home, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and humanity. We are comforted, however, by the assurance that her life, made luminous by courage and loyalty in the efficiency of her service, has left with us a monument of noble womanhood and Christian character.

Our Conference Anniversary, held in the Nostrand Ave. M. E. Church, Brooklyn, was well attended. The address of the afternoon by Bishop Hamilton was a source of delight in courage and inspiration.

At our annual election in March Mrs. Charles A. Soper was chosen Corresponding Secretary to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss E. M. Chadwick, who for many years had been a valuable acquisition to the work of the Conference.

Pledges for the support of the work were made to 46 Homes and Schools, and a conditional pledge of $825 was made for local work in four sections of the Conference, viz., Brooklyn, New Haven, Astoria, and Middletown. About $1,500 in excess of these pledges has been paid in the National treasury, also $500 for five bonds, representing indebtedness of the Society.

Our Treasurer's books show an *increase* of $645.59 in totals for this year.

Much has been accomplished in the Industrial Work in Brooklyn. The large enrollment in the eight departments of work so successfully carried on last year, has been an incentive to plan for more extensive work next year. To meet the additional demands, an assistant has been engaged.

We close the year feeling that efforts have been crowned with success, and we begin the new year with new courage and zeal.

The high ideals, for which the Society stands, are ever inspiring. Let us conserve that high standard and make this new year a record of glorious work. MRS. CHARLES A. SOPER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

Perhaps never before have we as a Conference organization been able to review the work of a year with more pleasing results than the one just closed with us. We have 25 Auxiliaries and a few Queen Esther

Circles and Mothers' Jewels Bands. These all show much real, earnest work accomplished. Our women are reading more of the Home Missionary literature and are better informed of the work, like it better, and can do more. Our interest can not be measured by the amount of money sent forward. There is a spirit existing, and which is clearly manifested by our women in their efforts of service, which is best expressed in the words of our motto, "For the love of Christ and in His name."

It has not been our privilege to send many pledges, yet we have aided the two schools in our State, viz., Kent Home and Allen Home. And though the amount of student aid given them has not been all we could wish, we are going to continue doing what we can, first for the real good that may result from the same, and secondly to show that we do appreciate these Homes and the opportunities thus offered our girls in them.

(Mrs.) Anna E. Peace, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH DAKOTA.

After two years of severe drought North Dakota reaps a bountiful harvest this year with a need of more laborers. As a mission field we can also say, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

Mrs. Mather spent June in our Conference and was present to be an inspiration at our Annual Convention in Enderlin. She organized two Auxiliaries and secured $227 in cash and pledges, some of this going to name a room in the new Olive Hill Home. She was a help and an encouragement wherever she went.

When one stops to think that the State is 360 miles long, taking 12 hours to ride through it on a good train, and 210 miles wide, and that our Conference is the whole State, what can one woman accomplish in one short month, even though sunshine and good weather should prevail?

We had a profitable hour and a good hearing at our Anniversary at Conference in Grand Forks, Miss Nellie Snider being the speaker.

The Treasurer's report in June showed more money used than ever before. The Supply Department reported $476 in money and new goods bought. We take care of all calls within our own Conference. We have 16 Auxiliaries and 6 Queen Esther Circles. With small growth in numbers, the amount of work done has increased. Our Conference Society is sending *Woman's Home Missions* to 90 of the parsonages this year. This will test the value of our literature in bringing results. If it will just open the pulpits more freely to our representatives, it will justify the money spent. It will then be ours to see that there are representatives to enter them.

Mrs. F. W. Heidel, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH INDIANA.

We are able to report a few new organizations, a larger membership, and the report of our faithful Treasurer shows that again we have made a financial increase.

Every department and its leader deserves special mention, if space would permit. None but God knows the hours of toil and prayer that have gone into the work of the year; but some day, when we meet on the other shore, the joy and happiness of many will be larger, richer, and sweeter because of the part they have had in the great and blessed work of Home Missions.

None of the Conference officers or Department Secretaries have gone from labor to reward, but some of the membership have crossed over, others are lingering on the borderland, and still others are sorrowful because of the death of loved ones.

Our Conference meeting was held in November, in Trinity Church, Elkhart. Both pastor and people were untiring in their efforts to make the meeting a success. Their efforts were not in vain, for it proved to be one of the most interesting, helpful, and spiritual meetings we have ever held. Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Bureau Secretary for Porto Rico, and Misses Carrie Barge and Greta Leigh, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Young People's Work, were present with us and gave us splendid addresses, besides adding to our information and giving inspiration. We will most gladly welcome them whenever they can visit us. The closing service was really a farewell to Mrs. J. C. Murray, who had just closed her fifth year as our greatly beloved Conference President and was soon to leave us for her new work as Assistant Superintendent of the George O. Robinson Orphanage at San Juan, Porto Rico. We lost a splendid President, but the orphanage gained a grand worker. We elected Mrs. Chesteen Smith to the office of President of the Conference, feeling sure that we would find her a capable and enthusiastic worker and one who would command the love and respect of every one of our membership.

At our Anniversary meeting, in connection with the session of the Annual Conference, held at Wabash, Mrs. Smith presided with grace and dignity. Miss Cartes Swartz gave a splendid address and made many friends for the cause of Home Missions.

At the six District meetings, which were held in June, we had with us Miss Flora Mitchell, of Thayer Home, and Miss Aletta Garrettson, of Fisk Training School, who gave addresses on the general work of the Society as well as upon their own particular work.

Immediately following the District meetings came the Summer School of Missions, held at Winona Lake. The attendance was the largest there has ever been at the Winona School and Home Missionary work was more largely represented than ever before at Winona, and much interest was manifest.

We hope that all these good and inspiring things will show in the work that is done during the coming year.

Mrs. A. B. Cline, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH MONTANA.

We are pleased to note the advancement in our work during the past year.

Our three Auxiliaries have taken up the text-book and have enjoyed the study.

We have had an increase in membership of 14 and an advance in funds of $124.89 over last year.

We had a very interesting annual meeting at our Conference. Rev. J. A. Alford, our State Sunday School Secretary, gave us an excellent address.

We are supporting two students, one in Navajo Mission and one in San Juan.

Mrs. J. A. Martin, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH NEBRASKA.

Faithfully and with good results have the women of our Conference labored in the different Auxiliaries. In spite of the fact that we have lost some members, the interest in the work of our great Society, with its able literature and ever-opening avenues of usefulness is growing substantially

The Conference convention, held in Omaha, was a success. Several advance movements were instituted which will, we trust, prove an inspiration to the work generally.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff was our speaker and adviser in the plans for the coming year. Our Conference anniversary at the seat of the annual Conference was a very helpful meeting. Bishop Bristol gave the Conference address. He never fails to uplift and inspire his congregation for better service. We trust that at the close of the year a good report along the lines of enlarged membership and new societies will show the results of our forward plans. We are looking for a good year in every department.

Mrs. William Gorst, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH OHIO.

The books are closed for the old North Ohio Conference. For thirty years we have been investing our money and ourselves in the lives and characters of hundreds of young people in our Homes and schools. How much it has meant to us, who have been in the work for even a short period of years, we can never estimate.

This last has been our best year. We helped 38 Homes, and our total receipts were $10,716.70. Increase over last year, $1,638.28. We are not giving up the work; just getting a larger vision for the greater work which awaits our hands.

Mrs. M. W. Reece, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

The year has been an eventful one for both the Minnesota Conferences because of General Conference being held in Minneapolis during the month of May, bringing into our midst all of our National executive officers and many prominent workers, whose presence with us for a whole month gave us not only an opportunity of getting acquainted with one another, but gave us inspiration for better work.

Several important and interesting meetings were held during the month. Miss C. K. Swartz, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Cotton Mather made itineraries in our Conference just before and after the General Conference, so we feel that we have been highly favored, and we feel confident that great results must follow such splendid seed-sowing.

We have at present 41 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 1,050. We have raised the past year over $8,000 (which includes the Supply and Deaconess Work in our own Conference), being about $1,000 more than we pledged. At Wichita we assumed $500 worth of bonds, expecting to have the two years in which to pay it, but have it all paid and will assume

more at the Des Moines meeting. Our Supply Work, about $800, was not as heavy as the previous year, notwithstanding the winter was an exceptionally rigorous one, indicating that either the preachers are getting better salaries or that supplies furnished before were still in use.

Our Secretary of Young People's Work is in very poor health, consequently that department is not up to its usual standard. The five deaconesses in the Home at Duluth are proving themselves so valuable to the necessities of that northern mining district, and there is such a demand for them, that twice the number could be used.

Our new Mite-box Secretary is very enthusiastic over her work, and aims to have a Mite-box not only in the possession of every member, but hopes to place many outside of the membership. Alredy she reports an increase over the receipts of any previous year.

All of our officers are faithful to duty, working zealously for the good of the Society. Several of them have worked together on the Board for many years, but now there are indications of changes, which we pray may be for the best and may instill new life and new ideas.

Mrs. S. J. Weeks, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The record of the work accomplished during these years can not be reported, but we trust many have felt the helpful influence and uplift through the efforts of our women, who have labored faithfully along the difficult lines of our work.

We have steadily gained in number and organization, adding yearly Auxiliaries, Circles, and Bands, until now we have 97 Auxiliaries with 2,964 members.

The first year of our organization $434 was reported—$61 cash and $363 in supplies. Now our Conference Treasurer reports thousands of dollars and our Supply Secretary over one thousand. We have 912 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 692 to *Children's Home Missions.* Large numbers of Executive Annuals and Conference Annuals and literature are distributed each year.

We hold our Conference Anniversary in Adams, October 31st and November 1st, and expect the presence of the three Presidents who have served us during the past quarter of a century, also the three Conference Corresponding Secretaries and four Treasurers.

Our own Italian Settlement Home in Utica, N. Y., is completed and Bishop Burt is to dedicate it October 10th. Dr. Frederick Wright will also be an honored guest.

During the past year the usual anniversaries have been held. Dr. Edgar Brown, of Utica, also Dr. Frederick Wright, represented our work at the Annual Conference held in Herkimer. Miss Greta Leigh attended our May convention and gave excellent addresses, and also proved helpful through this convention. Miss Leigh spent the month of June and a short time in July in our Conference, organizing and encouraging our workers. Mrs. Hallie Hill gave her inspiring and enthusiastic addresses at our camp meetings and Thousand Island Park.

Miss Myrtle Chapin, one of our girls who recently graduated from our National Training School, goes to Buffalo Deaconess Home, and Miss Luella Newton to Harlan, Ky.

We as a Conference can heartily sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." While we rejoice in past successes, we trust for larger things in the coming year.

MRS. A. C. DANFORTH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST INDIANA.

The watchword of our National Society for 1912 has been the leading thought among the membership of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Northwest Indiana Conference the past year.

The Conference officers have done thorough, conscientious work, and the District officers have been enthusiastic and zealous in their efforts. Our Auxiliaries and Circles have been faithful and loyal to the work, the officers feeling the responsibility of their duties and the membership acting as true handmaidens in their support.

We advanced 10 per cent—$886—throughout the Conference in our offerings last year. Our Mite-box Secretary reports over $1,000 in Mite-boxes last year, which is a substantial increase.

Our five District meetings were well attended, with encouraging reports. We were greatly favored in having Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary for Young People, with us in all our District meetings. She was of great inspiration and helpfulness, making friends for the Woman's Home Missionary Society from one end of the Conference to the other. As a result a number of Circles, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels have been organized. We have five Queen Esther life memberships instead of the three we pledged at Wichita.

We had the unique experience of organizing an Auxiliary at 10 o'clock in the morning one day, and in the afternoon having two live delegates from this new Auxiliary in the District meeting 40 miles distant.

Our Annual Conferencce meeting was held August 1st and 2d at Battle Ground campground, where we have a Conference Woman's Home Missionary cottage. The meeting was held at the campground auditorium and was well attended.

We had as a special speaker Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham, Bureau Secretary of White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee, who gave fine addresses, interesting many in her work.

Our Conference decided to open special Conference work among the foreigners in the great steel city of Gary, where the need is so urgent, in our northernmost District—Hammond.

At the anniversary hour of Woman's Home Missionary Society at our Battle Ground camp meeting, August 8th, Mrs. Jacob Bernheim gave the address. It was an earnest message of great interest.

During the past year our Northwest Indiana Conference has been duly incorporated, the necessary papers being taken out with the Secretary of State at Indianapolis.

Our Conference has materially gained in subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions.*

Mrs. D. M. Wood, Field Secretary, has done special work in the Conference, organizing new Auxiliaries and Circles and strengthening old organizations. We are looking forward to a more successful year than we have ever known, for knowledge of the work creates the interest, and we are using more study-books, reading more *Woman's Home Missions,* than ever before, and that tells the story of greater success.

Our District Superintendents and ministers are more than ever realizing the value of Woman's Home Missionary work in our Churches.

We are thankful for results and are asking God to send His richest blessings on the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. W. Bent Wilson, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST IOWA.

Our hopes for the year have not been fully realized. Still, we sing a song of praise that new Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, and 50 Jewel life members have been made.

Two Auxiliaries have been nearly depleted by removals to other fields. While we feel a loss, other Auxiliaries reap a gain in enthusiasm and earnest effort.

Mrs. C. L. Weaver, Field Secretary, in a four weeks' itinerary in this Conference was an inspiration, and as we listened to her earnest addresses and kindly entreaties we felt our women are not measuring up to their privilege of service.

Dr. Woodcock, President of the State Bible Training School, represented the work of this important school at each of the District meetings.

At the Conference meeting, held in August, Rev. F. F. Travis delivered a masterful address on "The Broken Wall," presenting the subject from a very optimistic standpoint. Mrs. Anna Woodcock rendered valuable assistance throughout the convention and gave the closing address, on "Jewels' Home, and the Great Broad Field."

As we face the coming year with added responsibility and firmer faith, we are glad for the five young women who are attending the Training School, for better equipment, and the larger pledges made for the work.

All appropriations have been met, and we feel the future has greater obligations and, we hope, greater success.

Mrs. J. S. Campbell, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST KANSAS.

Starting with two Auxiliaries when I took the office, now we have 44 Auxiliaries, with a membership in all of 800; 16 Queen Esther Circles with 13 companies of Home Guards, and 13 Bands of Mothers' Jewels, with a membership among the children of 740; 27 of our Auxiliaries are using the text-book and the uniform lesson studies. We helped a little last year in 38 Home Missionary institutions. Our general fund was not as much as I expected.

Moreland Queen Esthers have paid $50 Student Aid in Adeline Smith Home for the past two years. Our Salina Queen Esther girls did the same for Ritter Home last year. Luray Auxiliary is supporting Ikuyo Mendari in Ellen Stark Ford Home; she is a bright, interesting girl, and I am hoping sometime she may spend her vacation in our Conference. Oberlin has had a $50 interest in Rebecca McCleskey Home for several years, and assumes the same for the new year now opening. Downs and Delphos together took $50 for Eliza Dee Home. I think they were a little short on this when the fiscal year closed, but will make it up. This was not assumed until the April convention. Salina Auxiliary pays $50 a year

for the enlightenment of a Chinese girl in our new Chinese Home in California. Portis young people also pay $15 for a kindergarten pupil in the same school. Osborne was a little back on their $50 for Mitchell Home when the books closed, but I think will meet this, as they are faithful and true, and glad to do all they can.

I can not take the space to mention the smaller amounts that are raised from other Auxiliaries, but each Auxiliary, as they learn of the need, will gladly put forth their best efforts for the good of humanity in our own land.

Some Auxiliaries, because of hard times, wrote me of disbanding. I have urged them to hold together if they could do no more than study the lessons and pray for the success of the cause, and have tried to point them to the Great Leader, who will again smile graciously upon them if they will show faithful and earnest devotion for His cause.

Because of the present outlook I must cut our pledges some, but with a firm belief that we will do even better than ever before. We now have our four Districts organized, with officers capable of doing the work and zeal to put forth their best efforts for the good of the cause, and we are hoping to bring much to pass for the best interests of our Conference work during the new year.

Miss Nellie Snider was with us at our last annual meeting and during the month of April, and rendered us excellent service, and was also an inspiration to us in our spring conventions. We will be very glad to welcome her back whenever she can come.

I am urging all of our workers to lay aside the Lord's tenth, that none may be lacking at dues-paying time, and that there may be plenty for every good cause, and that we may claim the promise that He will open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing till there shall not be room enough to receive it.

At present we have but two deaconesses in our Conference. Miss Benedict, as field worker and organizer, is always busy and can not fill the calls that come to her.

We are trusting that Home Mission week may be one of general awakening among our women, and that many may become interested and add their strength to our cause. May the Lord hasten the day when the millions of foreigners in our homeland, whose lives and influence must affect our sons and daughters, may be converted and brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Mrs. Isaiah McDowell, *Conference Secretary.*

NORTHWEST NEBRASKA.

Two years ago there was not one Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Conference. One year ago last May we organized an Auxiliary at Ainsworth with 7 members. It now numbers 20. We use the text-book, and have not missed a program.

There are now 7 Auxiliaries in the Conference, with some Children's Societies. Mrs. Clara Dobson has done most efficient work. Through her efforts most of the Societies have been organized, and best of all, she has succeeded in getting a carload of potatoes donated for the Mothers' Jewels Home, also $90 worth of clothing has been given to the same Home. Well done for this frontier Conference.

Mrs. J. B. Carns, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OHIO.

Every year is better than the previous one, steadily we grow. Each year we pay all our pledges and more, and increase them for the next.

Our women love the Lord and are loyal workers for the Society.

It was a treat to have Mrs. Susie A. Winold at our Conference Convention at Logan. The subject of her address was "The Evolution of Woman's Work." She also gave an instructive talk about the new text-book.

Mr. J. N. Simmons, Superintendent of the Navajo Mission, attended our six District meetings in May. He brought new ideas and told us about the Indians in a very helpful way. His wonderful escape from death at the Mission caused him to have a peculiar influence over the Indians. The curios they loaned him interested our women greatly.

Our Deaconess Home is doing splendid work. Miss Freediman is back in the Home again after finishing her course in Rust Hall.

Trinity Church, in Portsmouth, educated a deaconess in Rust Hall. She will serve them for the first time this fall.

The Conference will name a library at $1,000 in the new "Williams Hall," Austin, Texas. Many rooms are being named by our women.

While we rejoice in the work done, we are not satisfied, and entreat the Lord of the Harvest to be with us.

MRS. E. W. SEEDS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OKLAHOMA.

Oklahoma Conference has closed its best year since organization. Mrs. C. L. Weaver, National Field Secretary, spent three very profitable weeks in our midst during the winter months.

The General Conference has united the two Conferences in Oklahoma into one, and as our bounds are extended there is greater need than ever before of broader and better organization. We hope the Churches thus united will be united in the one great purpose of saving "America for Christ."

The new motto given us at the Board of Managers' meeting in Wichita by our dear Mrs. Robinson, "For God giveth not a spirit of fear, but of peace and love and of a sound mind," has comforted us many times when the work seemed to lag and perplexing questions were to be decided. The second Annual Conference meeting was held in May, in Oklahoma City. It was well attended, and we trust will be productive of much good.

In finances we have a slight increase over last year. One very encouraging feature of our work is the growth of a feeling of personal responsibility and a willingness on the part of the women to help work out the problems of organization in Oklahoma.

The Ponca District has assumed the support of a young lady in the Kansas City Training School and are enthusiastically fitting her out with clothing and other necessities as she enters upon her training.

What we need more than anything else is a larger vision of the needs of our country and the added responsibility resting upon us in Christianizing our fair land.

We hope to make Home Mission week fruitful in results for our great Society.

MRS. J. F. WARREN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OREGON.

I was permitted to attend all District meetings held during the year, which was a great help in coming in personal touch with the District officers. All four Districts are officered with enthusiastic, consecrated women whose hearts' interests are in the work.

Klamath District is so far away their members and officers never come in touch with our annual conventions to catch the enthusiasm of these gatherings, yet they go on in their faithful way. I never attended a more enthusiastic convention than that held in Medford. They report increasing interest and a new Queen Esther Circle in Jacksonville. Good reports come in from each Auxiliary.

Eugene Annual Convention was inspiring and instructive and showed how well Eugene District officers understand their work. They feel it was their very best convention, but have set their aim for even better work the coming year. The same can be said of Salem District Convention. It was a grand success. One new Auxiliary (Amity), and they have added two more new Auxiliaries and one new Queen Esther Circle and a Mothers' Jewel Band since the District meeting.

Portland District Convention, while not so largely attended as the other three, still showed the same earnestness of purpose that bids fair for good work the coming months. And the announcement of the final purchase of property to open an Industrial Home in Portland was received in many grateful hearts that their prayers had been answered.

And as a Conference we not only have much to be thankful for, but much that we are responsible for. Let us measure up to our opportunities, knowing that with every opportunity God links a responsibility. This new work has been launched with a splendid committee of control, with Mrs. Margaret Lake Gaston as chairman, and we bespeak a successful future for it.

In our district work we used a set of questions that covered all the departments of our work, and the Auxiliary measuring up closest to their privilege received a pennant; the contest in several was close and awakened new enthusiasm, and we expect to see all departments come up before the next district meeting, and a better showing. Had hoped to use the same in the Annual, but time did not permit.

Our Annual Conference Convention, held in Salem, the 27th and 28th of June, was said by all who were present to be the very best Conference convention held in this Conference, and our loving President, Mrs. Fletcher Homan, showed how ably she could steer the ship of the Woman's Home Missionary Society through its most critical year. Reports were encouraging all along the lines, and although we did not count the membership of several Auxiliaries who had not held meetings or answered correspondence in the last two years, yet our membership showed a fine increase over last year. The correspondence for the year has been well double that of last year. I attended all Board meetings, all committee meetings, spoke at a workers' convention at Kelly's Grove, at six Thank-offering services on Sundays, at five parlor meetings, three Queen Esther meetings; distributed over 4,000 pages of leaflets. I traveled in the interest of the work this year over 5,800 miles. I count it a great privilege to have had the opportnuity to serve my Master in this way, and trust that the seed sown will bring its fruit in its season.

MRS. W. H. BACHMEYER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA.

We give to our Heavenly Father the gratitude of our hearts for the marvelous manifestations of His power all through the year.

At our Deaconess Home and Settlement Work we have twelve deaconesses and nine missionaries, who are engaged in a work that is tending to change conditions in many homes. Thirty-two of the neighborhood people have given their hearts to Jesus Christ. We have purchased the property adjoining the Deaconess Home and improved it according to our need. A large gymnasium, a modified milk station, library, banking office, and shower baths have been installed. One of our good women, Miss Annie M. Skear, gave us a beautiful property at Newtown, Pa., for a Deaconess Rest Home; our women and young people furnished the same.

Our General, Special General, and Student Aid have received larger gifts than ever before and exceed our pledges by quite a large amount.

Conference, District Officers, Department Secretaries, women, and young people have worked unceasingly for our great cause.

The full harvest of the year's sowing only eternity can reveal.

MRS. DAVID DAILEY, JR., *Corresponding Secretary.*

PITTSBURGH.

The work of the past year has been very successful, our financial obligations have been met, and more interest shown.

Meetings have been held in each of the five districts, and four general meetings by the combined Conference. One-half the money toward the $10,000 mortgage on our Deaconess Home has been raised, besides the $1,800 needed to pay the three years' interest on said mortgage, and yet we can truthfully say none of our other work has been neglected, and almost if not all our pledges met. The two missionaries working in the coke regions, our Deaconess Home, and the "Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home" have been well cared for. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has been represented at two camp meetings. Our new Secretary of Young People, Miss Floy Cameron, has endeared herself to the young people, and several new Queen Esthers and Mission Circles with Bands have been organized.

Miss Corbin spent six weeks with us last fall in the interest of the Thank-offerings, and accomplished much good by her talks in broadening the knowledge of the work and increasing the interest, aside from the very good Thank-offerings taken.

The Temperance, Literature, Mite-box, and Supply Departments have been carefully looked after by their respective Secretaries. We look out toward the coming year with glad hearts and faith to do better work.

MRS. EDWARD H. UTLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PUGET SOUND.

A number of new reading circles have been organized, some of them being in Churches where there is no Auxiliary or Young People's Society, and much more reading has been done by the women in general than in years past. Some Auxiliaries have placed the study books in the Sunday school library, and we are recommending that this be done throughout the entire Conference.

Each of our five districts held very profitable meetings in the spring, some of them being pronounced as good as our Conference meeting. These meetings were well attended, and gave evidence of increasing interest and knowledge on the part of the workers.

Four new Auxiliaries, seven Queen Esther Circles, and one band of Home Guards have been organized during the year, the credit for which is due largely to the work of Miss Ida DeWitt, who served our Conference as a field worker for a period of four months. A little more than two weeks of this time was spent at a camp-meeting and Epworth League Institute, which was held at Redondo Beach. We secured a tent, where Miss DeWitt kept "open house" for us during the sessions, and one afternoon was given over to our Society for a special meeting. A nice exhibit was arranged, with banners, pictures, and posters illustrative of our work, and a supply of literature was on hand for the benefit of all who were interested. Pastors were met and informed concerning the work of our organization, and altogether we consider it a profitable venture.

Beginning with October 1st, we are to have the services of Miss Alice Hawthorne, who has recently been assigned to work in Puget Sound Conference for a period of four months.

Miss Hawthorne is one of our own dear girls; is a faithful, consecrated worker, and we are looking forward to a season of great progress and spiritual uplift during her time of service with us.

During the past year it has been necessary to have two workers all the time at the Tacoma Settlement House, the work having grown to such proportions that Miss Sexton could no longer care for it alone. And now we have reached a point where we *must have* a new building in which to maintain the work for our Italian population. We are bending every effort in that direction, and trust that God in His own good way will bring it to pass.

Our anniversary meeting was held September 13th, in Seattle, and was one of unusual interest and inspiration. A most enthusiastic Home Missionary address was delivered by Dr. Fletcher Homan, President of Willamette University. Miss Kusama, the new worker in our Catherine P. Blaine Home, was presented, and was heartily greeted by the audience. A good supply of literature was on display, also a fine exhibit of work done in the Jesse Lee Home. We had a good collection, and felt that it was a splendid meeting throughout.

The mite-box proposition is being energetically pushed by our Conference Mite-box Secretary. *Some* Auxiliaries are using more mite-boxes than they have members, *some* are endeavoring to raise their entire pledge through the little boxes, and *all* are making a greater effort along this line.

Our Conference meeting will be held in Bellingham, in November. It is to be our Silver Anniversary, and we are planning to have an exceptionally good program—a veritable feast of good things.

MRS. H. P. THOMAS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

With the slogan, "One job, one woman," Rock River Conference has gone forward, not so much in new members, but in trained old members.

A "Whirlwind Campaign" for new members and for subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, a visit of a month from Mrs. Cotton Mather, five camp-meeting Home Missionary anniversaries addressed by Miss Nellie Snider, and the establishing of two new departments of work are the outstanding features of the year.

The new work deserves special mention, for as the result of the persistent and careful work of Mrs. M. W. Pinkerton and Mrs. F. E. Thornton, Chicago Methodism, with the Woman's Home Missionary Society as its agent, is enlisted in the fight to save the girls.

"Hobbs House" we call it, in honor of the good people who years ago built and loved the place as their own home. Then, when the good wife went on ahead, James B. Hobbs gave the building to Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, from which the Woman's Home Missionary Society rents the property.

The Home is neatly and comfortably equipped for thirty girls, who are striving to work out the problem of living safe lives on their weekly earnings.

The other departure is to put a little worker "out on the West Side," and by so doing again to place ourselves in the fight to save the girls.

Marcy Home, a National institution, has a report elsewhere, but we take occasion to record our appreciation of the loyal, faithful chairman, Mrs. M. M. Hubbell, and to assure our members everywhere that the work done in the schools, kindergarten, dispensary for the Jews, is worthy of their loyal support.

Our part in the industrial work at Lincoln Street Church, our kindergarten in the First Italian Church of Chicago, our mission among the Italians at Joliet, our deaconesses at Ladd, Spring Valley, and South Chicago, are all worthy of laudatory appreciation, for here again we cooperate with our Methodist ministers as they strive to work out the city's problems.

MRS. DAN B. BRUMMITT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SAVANNAH.

Our work has not been all that it could be, but we are still trying to push it forward. Our people are beginning to realize more and more what we are trying to do, and signs of encouragement are presenting themselves on all lines. In many of the charges much local work has been done, and at each of our district meetings and Annual Conferences this work has been put before the people in a tangible way and much good accomplished. We held our first annual convention at Jesup, Ga., in August. Financially we were not as successful as we hoped to have been, but a great foundation was laid, upon which we hope to build year by year until we reach the top. In this great meeting plans were adopted by which we hope to aid some of our educational institutions within the bounds of our Conference. Pray that the work begun may never cease, but that we may always glory in the cross of Christ and strive to help evangelize the world by our efforts.

MRS. MARY E. DENT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ST. JOHNS RIVER.

We feel we are growing into a real Conference Branch. At the last Annual Conference, Mrs. R. A. Carmine and Mrs. N. W. Bass were the efficient workers who came to help and teach us, and Rev. Jesse Bowman Young has ever been our good friend. During the past year Mrs. Carmine has organized a Reading Circle at Daytona Beach, and a Queen Esther Circle at DeLand.

We are thankful that God has permitted us to be workers in His great vineyard. MRS. C. B. G. FOX, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ST. LOUIS.

Another milestone marks advance along all lines. Each quarter has shown growth in numbers and interest. Our number has advanced from 1,300 to 1,719 members. Ten Auxiliaries, one Young Woman's Home Missionary Society, and five Queen Esther Circles have been added. The Children's Work has a present enrollment of 148 Jewels (seventy-two life members) and twenty-five Home Guards. Our promise for advance of one hundred subscriptions has been met with a gain of 108 *Woman's Home Missions,* and thirty-four *Children's Home Missions.* About sixteen per cent of membership has owned copies of the text-book, and its lessons have reached nearly all societies. Our mite-boxes have gathered $496.80, this being $280 in advance of two years ago. Fisk Training School contributed to this amount $276.40.

Our Supply Secretary sent out 3,000 garments, valued at $2,574, also 178 books. She pleads for a specialty of books this year. The Lord has honored the faith and works of His people by permitting them to see some results from the efforts made "in His name" to minister to others' needs. Our hearts rejoice in this, and for enlargement of vision and that He is giving to so many the "willing mind." We are indebted for the services of Mrs. C. L. Weaver and Miss Olivia Dunlap in itineraries in three of our districts; also to Miss Nellie Snider and Miss Carrie Barge for their inspiring and helpful addresses.

Dare we withhold our talents of opportunities when the Lord expects a harvest, "some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty?" Opportunities for service lie at our doors. Never were such urgent needs pressing upon us. Let us measure our responsibilities with the great gift of God's love to us, and pour out our loving service till all need and distress is alleviated and until "His Kingdom come, and His will be done, as in heaven, so on earth."

MRS. C. W. WOODS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH KANSAS.

With nearly all new officers in our Executive Board, still we have to report that the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Conference has "gone forward" during the past year and, besides realizing how much there is to be done, is beginning to try harder to do its share.

We have added two Auxiliaries and two Circles since a year ago, making an increase in Auxiliary membership of fifty, and in Circle membership of one hundred and thirty-seven. Our increase in subscriptions we are also proud of. The *Woman's Home Missions* has added one hundred and thirty-three, and the *Children's Home Missions* nineteen. Then, too, we have paid out into the Society treasury this year just $424.27 more than last year, while the Queen Esthers have also increased $105.21. We feel that all these figures will be much greater in another year.

We still keep our quota of girls at the Kansas City Training School, and have four working in the Conference. Two of our girls, Dr. Ida Cramer and Miss Inez Walthall, have just gone to work in Alaska.

Our Annual Convention this year was in June, at Coffeyville, at which time we had a large delegation and an enthusiastic meeting. Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock, of Des Moines, was with us, and proved to be of inestimable help and inspiration. Miss Eva Rigg, of Fisk Hall, represented that work in an enthusiastic way. Dr. L. M. Potts, of Pittsburgh, on the "Stranger Within Our Gates," and Rev. Henry I. Bailey, of Altamont, in a sermon on tithing, were both happy in their themes and very much appreciated.

Besides these, we have had a few others speakers. In March, at the Annual Conference, Miss Nellie Snider gave a splendid address, very forceful and apparently convincing, to a church full of ministers. Miss Carrie Barge made an unexpected trip into the Conference, speaking only at Baldwin. Then Mrs. Woodcock made another trip into the Conference after the convention. It is such a wonderful help to have these women among us that it seems a shame there are not more of them.

We feel that each member of each Auxiliary is beginning to realize the personal responsibility, and next year and each year we hope to set our stakes for a good gain forward, and with prayer and consecration and God's help, we shall each time attain our goal.

MRS. ETHEL C. TAYLOR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

About sixty-five precious young lives have come under the Christian influence and care of the Superintendent and teachers of our Spanish Industrial School during the year. God has very tenderly cared for health and life of this family, there being no serious illness nor accident among them. The new building has been completed, at a cost of $2,500, and has been a very great blessing to the workers in the Home.

Miss Mary Stewart has had charge of our Chinese work for some months, in the absence of Miss Nora Banks, who has been permitted to take up work in San Francisco, and who asks for a six months' longer leave of absence. Miss Stewart is gaining the love and confidence of these women, and they appreciate what she is trying to do for them in her house-to-house visiting among them.

Mrs. Emma Baird, Superintendent of our "Jane Couch Memorial Home for Japanese Women and Children," has been in charge of the work since January, Miss Mable Anderson, the former Superintendent and missionary, having given up the work to go North. Mrs. Baird has been a splendid success, and is fast getting hold of these little women. Fourteen women and six children have been sheltered and cared for during the year. One young girl was happily converted and joined our Methodist Japanese Mission. A very beautiful wedding was held in the Home not long ago, the pastor of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Mission uniting the happy couple. But we are not meeting our opportunity with these people. Our beautiful Home is not located where we can best serve them. It is our desire to go down into the Japanese district, secure a larger building, employ a missionary who speaks the language fluently, hold mothers' meetings, Bible, cooking, and sewing classes for the women, day nursery, kindergarten, and Sunday school for the children. Then, and not till then, will we be doing for this people what we should be doing and what they beg us to do.

The time has come, I believe, when we should no longer have one deaconess at San Pedro, but *two*. And we should secure a property

and begin to lay foundations for the future, looking forward to a second Ellis Island immigration work. Multitudes are soon coming to San Pedro. We can almost hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of pilgrim feet from the whole wide world. Mighty fleets from every land wait the opening of the Panama Canal to bring to this new harbor home-needing people by the millions. A great door of opportunity opens to us. Will we enter? It is for you to answer.

Our San Diego Mission will soon be occupying new quarters. The property where the work was carried on became too valuable to longer hold for mission work, and was sold last April.

Our Yuma Indian work, under the supervision of the Rev. and Mrs. Couch as missionaries, has had a year of splendid success in spite of the fact that there has been such an opposing foe in the person of the Secretary to the Government School. Seven adults have given their hearts to God and have been baptised and joined the Church. Blind Joe, the interpreter, was one of these happy converts. Fourteen of the Sunday school children, who are Government school children, have also yielded their young lives to God and are now probationers in the Church. Four medicine men during the year have gone to Mr. Crouch for medicine for themselves or their families, and this helps to emphasize the fact that these missionaries are gaining their confidence more and more, and God is blessing their efforts and rewarding them with success.

Our David and Margaret Home has had eighty-four children during the year, under the care of seven helpers. Nearly two hundred have been turned away for lack of scholarships. All but three of the sixty rooms are reported furnished. A furnace has been installed, at a cost of $676, the money being contributed for that purpose. A generous friend donated seven hundred fine orange trees, and other interested friends are engaged in preparing the ground and setting them out. For the success of this work next year we must have at least $3,500 in scholarships.

Our hospital has had a year of splendid success. Three hundred patients were cared for during the year. Fifty babies were born in the maternity department. Fifty of the best physicians in the city have practiced in the hospital during the year, and 250 since the hospital opened; $15,000 have been expended during the year. Plans are drawn to greatly enlarge the building, which, when done, will add very much to its usefulness and success. May God speed the day when a larger and more adequate plant shall be completed for this work!

Our Deaconess Home continues to serve its beneficent purposes as a well-ordered, skillfully planned and fruitful center of wholesome Christian influence and evangelizing power. Wherever its inmates go they carry comfort, good cheer, and wholesome instruction to those who need their Christly ministry.

The National Day of Prayer was observed by the districts with very helpful programs.

The Thank-offering has been generally taken, and Mrs. J. W. Vancleve, Mrs. D. M. Wood (Reserve Field Secretary), Mrs. E. L. Miller, Miss Laura Charnock, and others have been very helpful and efficient in presenting our work, and they have been favored with good Thank-offering collections.

Our headquarters "Tent" at Huntington Beach Camp-meeting was even a greater success than last year. A meeting for the Auxiliary members and others interested in our work, as well as the young people and children, was held every day in the tent, in charge of different leaders, and I am sure much good will result from the seed-sowing at this time. Miss Rena Waltz, from the California Conference, was very helpful

at the camp-meeting, and for several weeks continued her work here within this Conference, filling engagements for Leagues, Sunday schools, prayer-meetings, Auxiliaries, Sunday services, singing and speaking at these various meetings and winning friends for our cause wherever she went. She organized two Circles and gained a number of Auxiliary members during her short stay. Miss Mallie Hong, a young woman from Korea, who is attending our San Francisco Training School and fitting herself for effective and efficient service among her own people, has been here in our midst for the summer, and she, too, has been in great demand, answering calls over our Conference to speak before all kinds of meetings.

Our Young People's Conference Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Miller, reports to me 1,055 active members among our young women and Queen Esther girls. With twelve new Circles, six Queen Esther life members have been secured; 1,213 Mothers' Jewels, with thirty-nine Jewel life members, and eleven Junior life members. There are about two hundred contributing Home Guard members. Two twenty-dollar life members have been secured during the year—Mrs. S. M. Vance, former President of Euclid Heights Auxiliary, and Mrs. Mary Hall, Orange Auxiliary. There are 120 Auxiliaries. The total membership is 5,104, with a grand total of 7,569. There have been seven Auxiliaries organized during the year.

Five hundred and fifty study books and thirty Junior books have been in use during the year. A larger number of lesson helps have been secured than in any previous year. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed. The knowledge gained by the reading and study of our literature helps to explain the great activity and splendid achievements for the year.

In view of the fact that a contest would be on this year for new subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions,* your Secretary promised, at our last National Meeting, two hundred new subscriptions. Partial reports show that we will reach that number. Full reports are necessary that we may know which will be our banner district.

Pasadena is the banner mite-box district. Upland is the honored Auxiliary; they having $75 in their mite-boxes. La Mesa is a close second, they having had two mite-box openings, with a total of $60.75, and the largest amount contained in any one box was that of Mrs. J. N. Howard, of La Mesa, San Diego District, with $20.

San Diego First Church Auxiliary leads all others in gain of membership. They report 154 new members, with dues and contingent paid in full. They also report dues all paid for 224 members. What this Auxiliary has done, I am sure others can do. Who will try?

Our Conference Treasurer reports having sent to our National Treasurer, from July, 1911, to July, 1912, something over $48,000; this does not include our cash supplies.

Your Conference Secretary has traveled 6,550 miles in attending to her duties; has spoken before eighty-five Auxiliaries, located in every part of our Conference; addressed one Annual Conference and several Sabbath morning services; prayer-meetings and Epworth Leagues, not a few; attended eleven district meetings, twelve Board meetings; secured seventy-five new members and forty-five subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions;* organized one Circle and four Auxiliaries; written 1,200 letters and 300 postal cards; mailed 500 circular letters, and personally distributed or sent by mail over 8,000 leaflets. The days, weeks, and months have been all too short to accomplish all that was in my heart to accomplish for this blessed work.

Mrs. John B. Green, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN GERMAN.

This is the first report from our Conference. Heretofore no special interest was manifested in our ranks for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, while hundreds of dollars were sent to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This was no doubt fault of our own, but it was also due to the fact that no representative from our Home Society had ever visited our Conference. The Foreign Society had one of her missionaries on furlough to visit all our best charges and organize Auxiliaries with marked success. Our sisters need information, and then organization and loyal support can be looked for.

Through the visit of our beloved Mrs. E. L. Knostman at our last Annual Conference, a new epoch has been ushered in. A Corresponding Secretary has been elected, and a resolution adopted asking that the Home work would be equally remembered with the Foreign in all contributions. Repeated communications have been sent to all the pastors, urging them to organize Auxiliaries, which will bear fruit in due season.

We are much encouraged and look forward with great anticipation. We expect no less than a hundred dollars in cash contribution till our Annual Conference, November 21st, and with Mrs. Bishop Thirkield in our midst, we feel that the cause will receive a still greater impetus.

MRS. E. F. SCHUESSLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

Following the Annual Meeting in Wichita, an itinerary was made for Mrs. C. L. Weaver, which resulted in two good Auxiliaries and the strengthening of others, and the work was presented in other Churches with no immediate results.

The Thank-offering service was generally observed during the months of November and December.

The new work in East St. Louis is growing in favor. Miss Hodeks's health failed and in April she was compelled to give up the work. Miss Mary Gould, one of our Conference girls who was in the Wilmington, Delaware, Home, came back to us in our extreme need, and is carrying on the work successfully; we hope by next year to report a new settlement building, of which we are very much in need.

Miss Margaret Bell, who has served the Church at East St. Louis so faithfully for many years and has endeared herself to all who knew her, felt that she needed a change, and has gone to New Jersey Conference.

Miss Iva Gillespie came to our Conference in July, and at present is helping at Eldorado; her heart is overjoyed at the conversion of thirty-seven children in her care. Misses Mary Ritter, Blanche Kinnison, Helen Stapp, Jane Hawkins, Nettie Harris, Alice M. Whitley, Stella Crouse, and Myrtle Bailey, others of our girls, have gone to other Conferences to help in various fields of labor.

A bequest of one hundred dollars was left to us by Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson, of Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Miss Josephine Corbin did much during the month of April to enlist new members, and also addressed some of the ministerial Conferences and the six District Woman's Home Missionary Society Conventions.

Mrs. Jacob Bernheim, of Chicago, and Miss Olivia G. Dunlap, of Jacksonville, one of the National field workers, interested and enthused the women attending the Annual Convention at Mt. Carmel, Ill., in June.

Reports given at this time were very encouraging, showing a steady growth along many lines.

Owing to ill-health, I am compelled to resign the work of Conference Secretary, but it gives me pleasure to commend unto you Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, of Carbondale, Ill., a woman of rare talent and ability, a consecrated, Christian woman.

Mrs. D. P. Moore, *Retiring Corresponding Secretary.*
Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, *Successor.*

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is still helping a little in this great work of saving America for the world's sake.

Since the meeting of the General Board of Managers at Wichita last October, many of our women have caught the vision of the needs and their opportunities for helping. We now have a membership, including the young people and children, of 3,025, and the cash receipts from all sources were more than $7,000. Seven new Auxiliaries and several Circles were organized during the year.

Owing to change in districts being made by the ministerial Conference in March, the Conference President and Corresponding Secretary spent two weeks in the Conference reorganizing the work of our Society. Six one-day conventions were held, and were well attended considering the extreme hot weather.

Miss Nellie Snider gave an excellent address at our Conference Anniversary, in March, at Hutchinson. Our Conference Convention, held at Dodge City in June, while not so large as some others, was marked throughout by the sweet spirit of harmony that prevailed. Mrs. H. K. Eberly, of Wichita, who for six years had been our very efficient and faithful Conference Treasurer, felt she could not take the work for another year, and Mrs. C. J. Buerhaus, of Wichita, was elected. Mrs. E. L. Knostman, of Manhattan, delighted a large audience with her excellent address on the second evening of the convention. Mrs. Knostman spent one day in convention with us, and we greatly enjoyed having her.

Our young people are alive and full of interest for the work. Every one of your Department Secretaries are bright, capable women, and are busy, each in her line, "doing things" that count for the Master. Taken altogether, this has been one of the very best years in our history.

For the record of the past twelve months we are thankful. May our aims reach higher in the years to come!

Mrs. Nettie Tedrick, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TROY.

Our Conference has been organized for Home Missionary work too many years for us to "grow" as fast as some of our sister Conferences. In November of this year we hold our thirtieth Annual Convention. Thirtieth—that means "linen." What a scheme it would be to improve that by a "linen shower" to our Deaconess Home in Albany!

We are divided into five districts, all well organized, and all of which

held a convention of their own—all unusually good ones this year—and why not? as we have with us and belonging to us Miss Blood, from the Albuquerque Mission, New Mexico; also Miss Rykert, who, after a much needed rest of two years, is about to return to her Navajo work at Farmington, as Superintendent. We have also located in our Conference three pastors—returned missionaries—Rev. Thos. Stevenson, from Porto Rico, and the Revs. G. E. Webster and J. E. Wagner, both having been doing faithful work in our frontier—and now that they have returned East, still showing their interest in the work by being willing at all times to speak for us in order to interest others in the work. So we were well represented at our Annual Conference at Saratoga and both our Spring Grove and Riverside Camp-meetings—also at our summer meeting in Round Lake. At one of these meetings, Miss Whitehead, our Superintendent at Deaconess Home, very ably presented the work. Our hearts are centered in our E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home in Albany. The settlement work in our new building is almost a "grown-up"—it having jumped from infancy to the grown-up age with no time for child life—and our work there piles in faster than we can care for it. If the young ladies of the city had not very kindly turned in and helped the deaconess, much of this work could not have been done; we have in our Settlement House a large Sunday school, music, sewing, and cooking classes, a day nursery, boys' club, etc. All summer the children of the nursery have been taken on an occasional day's outing, going as far as they wish in the cars, then drawing the very little ones in express carts donated for this purpose. This coming year two young ladies from the Domestic Science Department of our State Normal College at Albany are to help in our industrial work. The ladies of Albany are doing a great deal for both our Home and work, and the friends of the Home outside the city appreciate it. Two young ladies from the Queen Esther Circles of Troy Conference are to enter the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School this fall.

Mrs. M. B. Hutton, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER IOWA.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Upper Iowa Conference for the year 1911-1912 has been very encouraging. We have not reached our ideal, but we have made substantial advancement. The Conference officers have done conscientious work, while the district officers have been persistent in their efforts. Our six district meetings, held in April, were well attended. Our Annual Conference meeting was held at the close of the district meetings, and in connection with the last one held. Our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. R. B. Van Ness, reported more money raised than in any previous year. Last year we pledged more generously than ever before, yet we have met all our obligations, besides sending more than two hundred dollars which we had not pledged—then had five hundred dollars for a bond toward the liquidation of the debt of the General Society. Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock gave most excellent service at each of our district meetings. She was also our speaker at Annual Conference.

The opportuities of the past are gone, but new ones are before us. We pray that we may be awake to see them as they open to us, and be able to grasp them with a determined purpose to advance His work.

Mrs. W. C. Hayward, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER MISSISSIPPI.

Our work in this Conference has passed a trying year: we have met devastation on every side; almost one continuous siege of rain for nearly seven months of our missionary year. The angry flood inundated vast sections of our Conference territory. Two of our districts were completely taken, while the other five were suffering from the downpour of rain. One of the submerged districts was second to none last year in every phase of our Conference work. Because of this we have been able to do but very little effective work. We had hoped to make a good report: doubling our membership, paying all pledges, and be prepared to make several new pledges. But alas! circumstances over which we had no control faced us on every hand.

In spite of the many hindrances we have been able to pay some on our pledges, and keep intact a part of our membership. All of our districts feel the great strain. We are glad that it is as well with us as it is; thousands perished in this awful catastrophe. We hope to do good, creditable work the ensuing year.

As I pen these lines, one sweet thought comes to me o'er and o'er, that God is blessing this institution throughout this country to-day as ne'er before, and we take courage. It is our ambition to get every department into active and effective service.

The District Superintendents and pastors have stood nobly by us in helping to push the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our Conference.

Mrs. A. S. Gray, *Corresponding Secretary.*

VERMONT.

This, my tenth annual report, is the best it has been my privilege to give as regards the amount of money raised and work accomplished. The results can not be estimated, for only our Father knows the love, prayers, and influence that has gone with the dues to the General Fund. The gifts from friends and Auxiliaries for the Student Aid, supporting girls in Boaz, Kent, and Ritter Homes, and two kindergarten scholarships in Thayer Home; also with special aid has gone the same interest, with the gifts to Washington Training School, Boston Immigrant Home, Thayer Home, and our own State work, Barre Mission. Five deaconesses have been employed, two at the Home and three on the districts. At Conference our Society was ably represented by Miss Bertha Fowler; at the camp-grounds, by Miss Dema, a charter member of the Faculty of Washington Training School.

Mrs. Curtis, who has faithfully superintended the Deaconess Home, is making an itinerary through the Conference as field worker for Barre Mission and general work of the Society.

While this report may be gratifying for the work accomplished by those who are interested, we crave the help and support of the thousands of women in our Conference who are indifferent to the needs of the great cause we represent. May we not be content with present attainments, but with the help of the Master, enthuse and inspire with love for the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. V. A. Irish, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WASHINGTON.

There has been some falling off of membership and along other lines, but six new Auxiliaries have been organized, making up deficiencies.

At our Annual Meeting, held at Harrisonburg, Va., each one of our six Conference districts made a good financial report for the first time. The district organization has been more thorough and the work better understood.

Temperance, *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions,* and mite-boxes are to be made specialties this year. A vigorous canvass for the papers; a systematic distributing and collecting of mite-boxes, and a forceful plea for the temperance cause—these are to be strongly advocated this year.

Home Mission Week, with the aid of our pastors, will be presented in a thorough and inspiring manner, aiming to reach men and women outside as well as inside the Church.

We enter the new year hopefully, with higher aims, imploring the continued guidance of our Master.

(Miss) Annie R. Johnson, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST NEBRASKA.

We have gained five new Auxiliaries, six Circles, and one Home Guard this year. Mrs. Clara Dobson, Field Secretary, spent the month of May with us, and did very acceptable work.

We have supported a deaconess for the past three years in our National Training School at Kansas City. She is now giving her time to our Conference.

At the Annual Conference, Miss Blaschka gave the anniversary address. We hope to grow in numbers and desire to become more efficient workers.

Mrs. B. F. Gaither, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST TEXAS.

This has been a very busy year with the workers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference. We offer grateful thanks to our God for His wonderful love and help.

I spent the summer in visiting our six District Conferences, and succeeded in raising the five hundred dollars for the naming of the new hall in the D. L. Williams Home, to be built in the near future.

We have met every pledge made at Wichita, and have had an increase in the collection of dues.

I am delighted to say we are gaining ground; and the interest in our Conference is greater and further reaching than ever before from the ambition of naming the hall.

Our anniversary was held in San Antonio, November 25, 1911, at the seat of the Annual Conference, with forty officers and delegates present.

Mrs. E. L. Knostman, Secretary of the Bureau of the West Southern States, visited our meetings; we enjoyed listening to her. Miss Clara I. King, our faithful Superintendent of Eliza Dee Home, was also with us. Without Miss King there would be no West Texas Conference Home.

Now, ladies, we are raising money to furnish this new hall and building. May we have that happiness soon?

Mrs. E. Spriggs Ratliff, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST VIRGINIA.

Our work the past year has been blessed. While some Auxiliaries have fallen behind, others are advancing and new ones are getting started into the work nicely. As a Conference we have a great deal to overcome, yet we are hopeful of a broader, deeper interest in the work as the years go by.

Mrs. J. E. Sisson, our new Superintendent of Supplies, has done excellent work for the first year. Nine ministers' families have been helped, besides aid given to our Deaconess Home and some of our schools. All of the Secretaries have shown a greater interest in the work this year than formerly, which is encouraging to know. The Secretary of Temperance, Mrs. H. P. Loe, has been particularly busy this year sending tracts and enlisting workers for the cause, as this fall our men are to vote for the ratification of the Prohibition amendment in West Virginia.

It grieves me to note our finances have fallen off. The year's report ending July 1st shows $1.595.98 has passed through the Treasurer's hands to the General Fund, and $622.25 from Secretary of Supplies.

Our Miss Mary Katchmar, whom we as a Conference had supoprted in the McCrum School, has begun her work among the foreigners in Benwood. She bids fair to be a successful worker, and we trust to be able to meet her expenses as a worker as promptly as when she was a student. We think each of the Auxiliaries in the State will help with this.

As a Conference we have another girl in training school this year—this one in the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School.

One of our field workers, Miss Greta Leigh, was with us in September. She did us good work. We did so need the work presented to our people. They will respond when they know the needs, and so we shall work and pray.

Miss Pearl Dorsey, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST WISCONSIN.

Another year's work recorded, and while it shows advance, there has not been the gain we had hoped for, but prospects for the future look brighter. We now have thirty-three Auxiliaries, one Young Woman's Auxiliary, and ten Queen Esther Circles, three bands of Home Guards, and four Mothers' Jewels Bands.

Have organized eleven new Auxiliaries and four Queen Esther Circles this year.

We have had splendid service from four field workers in our Conference, the only trouble being we could not have them long enough. Mrs. H. L. Hill was with us last fall, and also spoke at our Conference Board meeting; too much can not be said in praise of Mrs. Hill's enthusiastic service. Mrs. C. L. Weaver was with us for a few dates, and did good service. Miss Josephine Corbin was present at one of our district meetings, and thoroughly aroused all who heard her to greater activity. Miss Corbin also gave an address at one of our ministerial meetings, which so won our pastors that many pulpits were opened for her to present our work, which brought telling results. Mrs. Jacob Bernheim gave a most enthusiastic address at our Annual Conference. She

had previously given a short itinerary in our Conference with good results.

We feel very grateful to our National Society for their support of a deaconess in Hurley, Ashland District. While the work has been slow, it certainly has accomplished much, and there is still much to be done.

We are thankful for this year of service, and only wish much more had been accomplished; but with a greater interest in the Conference for the work, we trust God for a larger service next year.

Miss Carrie Hazzard, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WILMINGTON.

The Home Missionary spirit of the Wilmington Conference is growing, and in general results was most satisfactory the past year. At no time in our history has there been more faithful work done by the Conference and district officers, as well as by the workers in our Auxiliaries. Some new Auxiliaries and Circles have been organized, and renewed interest in the work among our young people. Miss Bertha Earnest has proven most efficient in her office as Secretary, and we expect greater activity among our Circles and Bands the coming year.

The whole amount pledged for the year was paid, with some increase. The Annual Meeting in November was held at Smyrna, where reports were encouraging, but similar to those of other years. Mrs. W. P. Thirkield made the evening address. At this meeting our beloved President, Mrs. N. M. Browne, who had fulfilled the duties of that office ever since the Conference was organized twenty years ago, and who has made our work very largely what it is to-day, declined a re-election, owing to failing health. It is a pleasure, however, to know she will still be with us to encourage as we go on with the work, guiding us with her wise and loving counsel. Mrs. J. Talley Smith was elected President, and Mrs. N. M. Browne, President Emeritus of the Society. We were most fortunate to have Mrs. Smith as our leader, and the results of the year prove how faithfully she has performed the duties of her office. Miss Ella Smithers, of Smyrna, was elected Secretary of Literature, and Miss Anna Welden, Secretary of Reading Circles.

The Conference Anniversary was held in St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, during the session of the Annual Conference. Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff made the address to a very large audience.

Our deaconesses, by their work among the sick and needy poor of our city, have proven themselves worthy of their calling, and greatly increased interest among those who have heretofore been either careless or indifferent to Home Mission work. During the summer the Superintendent of our Home, Mrs. Margaret Sweet, with Miss Emma Kelley, have visited nearly every camp-meeting in the Conference, besides a number of Churches. They held evangelistic services, presided over children's meetings, made many addresses in the interest of our work, and distributed hundreds of leaflets in sections of the Conference where the work of the Home Missionary Society was practically unknown. We expect great results the coming year from the abundant seed-sowing of these Christian women, as well as from the more earnest work of all our members throughout the bounds of the Conference.

Emma L. Welden, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WISCONSIN.

At the Annual Wisconsin Conference, 1911, Miss Carrie Barge gloriously represented our interests. At Byron Camp-meeting they again were ably presented by Mrs. W. P. Leek, Conference Young People's Secretary.

The May District Meetings were gratifying in point of excellent reports and financial gains. The elections gave us fine, loyal women again, who in frequent cases have "many irons in the fire," but whose faithfulness make the success we are achieving year by year. Our representatives for the above were Misses Bertha Fowler and Josephine Corbin. The latter organized in new territory two Queen Esther Circles and one Auxiliary. A new Home Guards Band is in beautiful training, and also a Queen Esther Circle organized last fall, thus giving us five new societies.

The South Beloit Mission has resulted richly to our Church in that city, about one dozen heads of families having joined through it. Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, a returned missionary from China, is the most efficient and devoted Superintendent. Many Auxiliaries have been visited by the Conference Corresponding Secretary during the year, who was greatly gratified by the increasing interest manifested. For mutual benefit, printed letters and briefs were issued of suggestion and instruction.

Our supply work amounts to $424.33, though the able Secretary was ill for a long time.

We again are bravely attempting the duties of the new year, trusting for all that will make us a small power, if not a great one, for the Master's use. MRS. JNO. TAYLOR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING.

The most notable achievement of the Conference this year is the establishment of the Deaconess Home. Mrs. F. A. Blaksley, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Managers of the Home, says:

"Five years ago a deaconess station in the city of Binghamton, N. Y., was opened, with Miss Grace Clarke as deaconess. While she was doing faithful and efficient work in laying foundations, there was hidden in the hearts of some of the women the thought and inspiration that some day they would have a Deaconess Home. This dream was realized May 31, 1912, when the Home at 21 Edward Street, Binghamton, was opened, with Mrs. J. N. Lee as an efficient matron.

"The property, purchased at a cost of $3,000, was for many years the home of Mrs. Joseph Hartwell, the first President of Wyoming Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, and it was fitting that the spot where so many prayers had been offered for the advance of the Master's Kingdom should have been chosen as the center of activities along Home Missionary lines.

"A call asking for contributions of money and furnishings was sent broadcast throughout the Conference, and, may it be said to the glory of God, that all things needful to make the place comfortable and attractive came to hand at once, so that on the opening day, when about 500 friends visited the Home, they were astonished at its beauty and restful appearance.

"All money necessary to cover the purchase price, and repairs amounting to about $5,000, is in hand except $650. The Home has been incorporated under the name of 'The Wyoming Conference Deaconess Home of

the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.'

"Miss Clarke was transferred to Jersey City early in June, and Miss Mae Comfort and Miss Amelia Dettman came temporarily during the summer. On September 1st Miss Margaret Bell, of East St. Louis, and Miss Mary Chaplain, of Kansas City, Mo., will take up the work.

"The whole project has been launched and carried on in answer to prayer, and its founders are expecting that God will still carry forward the work and make the Home 'None other than the house of God and the gate of heaven.'"

The receipts of the Conference for this year exceed those of last year by more than $3,000, showing that the establishment of the Deaconess Home has not lessened the customary gifts of the Auxiliaries to the funds of the general Society.

At the Conference Anniversary in April, Miss Bertha Fowler made a masterly address to a fine audience.

Three of the four Districts have been divided into sub-Districts in order to secure more careful supervision.

Miss Mary Van Woert, a daughter of the Conference and the newly appointed Field Secretary for Young People, has been engaged to work in the Conference during September.

MRS. D. L. RHONE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING MISSION.

Our work in Wyoming is not very strong. There has been one new Society organized at Sheridan this year with 13 members, a Society reorganized at Wheatland with 16 members. These two Societies, with one at Cheyenne, are all we have in the State, but we are hoping for better things. We rejoice in the fact that the Lord is with us and that He supplies our every need. Yours sincerely,

MRS. E. L. BUTLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Organization.

(Mrs. N. W. Bass, Field Secretary.)

The swiftly-passing year has brought both sunshine and shadow, but over all has bent the bow of God's precious promise, "I will bless thee, and make thee a blessing."

The work of the year has been mostly in Central New York and Wyoming Conferences, with now and then a brief change of territory—six and one-half months have been given to the work. Never have I been welcomed more heartily and cared for more tenderly, by both pastors and people, than during the past year, for which I desire to express my heartfelt thanks. In Boylan and McCleskey Homes I was most warmly welcomed, and my visit to them will never be forgotten.

Number of miles traveled in the work, 3,024; have attended 2 Conference meetings, 2 grove meetings, 2 Epworth League conventions, 3 District meetings (ministerial), 7 District meetings (Woman's Home Missionary Society); have given 200 addresses and talks in public services, Epworth Leagues, Sunday schools, prayer meetings, Junior Leagues, and parlor meetings; have distributed 3,000 leaflets, 250 Mite-boxes; have made 100 personal calls; have written 371 letters in the work; have organized 12 new Auxiliaries, 4 Queen Esther Circles, 2 Home Guards; have secured 100 subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions*, 50 for *Children's Home Missions*, 585 Auxiliary members, 85 Queen Esther members, and 80 Home Guards. Total, 750 members.

(Mrs. H. L. Hill, Field Secretary.)

My work during the past year has been within the bounds of 15 Conferences, and the year has given many unusual opportunities for the presentation of our great cause.

The most gratifying increase in interest we have noted in Colleges, Student Conferences, Epworth Leagues, and other organizations in matters pertaining to our own country and the millions within its borders. The change in outlook just within the past four years has been marked.

Too much can not be said in emphasizing the College Work and the opportunities presented at the Student Conferences of the Young Women's Christian Association.

It has been my privilege for the past four years to attend the great Conferences in the East, and I consider this year's results have been even more gratifying than in any previous year. Each year also increases the importance of our field work, as there opens up before us opportunities for presenting our work in all its greatness before the representatives of other philanthropic agencies and of other denominations.

Addresses have been given at 135 services in churches, 12 District conventions, 4 Conference conventions, 9 Annual Conferences, 4 meetings in factories, 2 city Young Women's Christian Associations, 2 Student Conferences, 3 College Young Women's Christian Associations, 12 union meetings, 12 Young People's Rallies, 3 summer assemblies, 2 interdenominational Conferences, 25 Sunday schools, 20 Epworth Leagues, 1 men's meeting, 3 preachers' meetings, 3 high schools, 6 women's clubs, 2 Foreign Society meetings, and 121 Auxiliary meetings. Miles traveled, 15,275.

(Miss Nellie H. Snider, Field Secretary.)

The work of the year was done in 8 Conferences—Nebraska, Central Ohio, East Ohio, Cincinnati, North Indiana, Northwest Kansas, Dakota, and Rock River. In its prosecution I traveled 16,870 miles. Much of the time was devoted to strengthening the work.

The widest variety of service is included, such as addresses at camp meetings, Annual Conferences, District meetings, high schools, colleges, Girls' Industrial Schools, Young People's Rallies, Day of Prayer, Missions, Junior Leagues, Epworth Leagues, prayer meetings, Queen Esther Circles, Mite-box openings, and even at a township fair. The work has been done for the Master—with Him we leave the results.

Miles traveled, 16,870; addresses, 219; Auxiliaries visited, 99; Churches with no Auxiliaries, 28; new Auxiliaries, 10; Auxiliary members, 236; new Queen Esther Circles, 3; Queen Esther members, 41; Annual Conferences, 7; thank offerings, 24; District meetings, 14; camp meetings, 6; Mite-box openings, 5; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 61; subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* 5.

(Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Field Secretary.)

It was my privilege to spend two months in the South Carolina Conference during the past year. I traveled over 2,000 miles, organizing 6 new Auxiliaries and 7 Queen Esther Circles, at the same time adding new members to the Societies already organized. Altogether there were 385 additions to membership, and a goodly number of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions.*

I had the pleasure of visiting the Home and School at Camden, S. C., and of seeing the splendid new school building that was dedicated in April last, the beautiful gift of an unknown friend, costing some $20,000. It was a delight to meet the teachers and the students, and to note the wonderful work that is being carried forward in this Southern city.

I also visited the Home at Asheville, N. C., and was charmed with the city itself, and more so with the teachers in our school there, who are exerting such a beautiful refining influence on these girls committed to their care. Our Home at Ocean Grove for the past two seasons has had helpers from this institution, and they have borne witness to all who have met them of the beautiful training they have received from the Superintendent of the Home, Mrs. H. E. Mower.

This work is in the Bureau of Mrs. E. L. Albright, who can not be too highly commended for the splendid condition of the work under her care.

(Miss Ida R. Cummings, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Young People's Work.

In submitting my first report to our beloved Society I wish to express my sincere gratitude for my appointment. I regret I have been able to give but 45 days to this work, but they have been days I believe that God will bless and make yield much fruit. More and more are the women realizing the vastness and importance of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and that they might get a clearer conception of the essentials of our work I have urged them to read our literature. John Wesley says: "It is impossible for a people to grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people." I have ordered and placed in use 24 Manuals of Woman's Home Missionary Society by Miss G.————; have secured 56 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* and distributed large quantities of reading matter; organ-

ized 5 Queen Esther Circles and 1 Band of Home Guards; secured 75 Queen Esther members; have attended and presented the work at 2 Conference Executive Board meetings, 1 District Conference, 1 Epworth League Convention, and conducted 3 Workers' Conferences; delivered the Woman's Home Missionary address at the annual session of the Washington and Delaware Conferences; attended 11 Queen Esther meetings, 14 Auxiliary meetings; delivered 40 addresses, and organized a Mission Study Class and Reading Circle. A number of letters and cards have been written in an effort to stimulate the work.

I regret I was unable to accept the urgent invitation of the Lexington Conference to help in their Young People's Work, but hope to visit them later.

Preparatory to Home Mission Week campaign, after a conference with our efficient Corresponding Secretary, Miss Johnson, I planned a series of parlor meetings, whose purpose was to arouse educative enthusiasm for our cause. These meetings have exceeded our greatest expectations. Four mass meetings will be held. The outcome, we believe, will be an awakened and enlightened womanhood, resulting in an advance in membership and finance, as well as aggressive work, especially among the young people, whose aim it shall be to scatter information, education, inspiration, and agitation, and the final results only eternity can tell.

(Mrs. C. L. Weaver, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Since the last Annual Meeting in Wichita I have spent seven months in the field, working regularly in eight Conferences, viz., St. Louis, Southern Illinois, East Ohio, Central New York, Northwest Iowa, and West Wisconsin, besides special work in Northern Indiana and Rock River in passing.

I spent several days at General Conference in Minneapolis and attended the graduating exercises at our National Training School in San Francisco. While in New York State I had the honor to represent our work in the great "Forward Movement" convention at Ithaca. The presence of eight of our bishops made it an effective opportunity.

I have traveled 15,765 miles, organized 32 Auxiliaries, 5 Queen Esther Circles and 1 Home Guards; secured 972 new members to Auxiliaries, 113 Queen Esthers, 19 Home Guards, and 78 Mothers' Jewels; 74 of the Mothers' Jewels were made life members. I spoke in 196 services of all kinds, 36 sessions of conventions, 8 special meetings, 14 Sunday schools, 5 Queen Esther meetings, 6 prayer meetings, 18 Auxiliary meetings, and 109 regular Church services. In these meetings I secured a large number of splendid thank offerings, 3 pledges of $1,000 each and 1 of $750 for the new Deaconess Home at Sioux City. The foregoing was accomplished during the first seven months of the year.

During August and September I spent 25 days in soliciting furnishings and subscriptions for the Portland Industrial Home and assisting in the cleaning and renovation of the same.

I am sure I have the sympathy of every field worker when I say I struggle to repress a recital of the obstacles that we meet in the field. They are many and varied, and I venture to mention one or two of a certain kind and hope the Editor will pass them.

A study of the Conference Minutes of almost any annual Ministerial Conference, with pencil and tablet at hand, will disclose some exceedingly significant situations. For example:

In one Conference there are four ministers who receive a salary of $300, and 27 who receive less. The Board of Home Missions paid into

this Conference about $20,000 for the support of the Churches, and these 31 ministers, and an additional sum of $8,000 into the three principal cities of the Conference to be spent in missionary work—a total of about $28,000; and a District Superintendent informed me that the real sum was $3,000 more than that. In return for this contribution of Home Missionary money the Conference sent $29,000 to the Board of Foreign Missions and something over $9,000 to the Board of Home Missions.

Here is another instance: In Columbia River Conference I asked a pastor's consent to organize an Auxiliary in his Church. He exclaimed, "By no means. This is Home Mission territory. Three hundred dollars of my own salary is paid by the Board of Home Missions. Besides, a new missionary organization would weaken my Woman's Foreign Society, and I could not think of that. Why, bless you, our women sent over $500 to the foreign field last year."

These two illustrate a condition met with by all Home Mission field workers from one end of the country to the other. The brethren, usually so reasonable, seem to fail to note the glaring inconsistency in their attitude.

We meet these things; the work is hindered, but our marching orders are "Go forward," and, by obeying, we are able to note that at the end of the year we have made some progress.

(Mrs. Cotton Mather, Reserve Field Secretary.)

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness," is the brief report of the past year.

An ever-increasing sense of obligation and responsibility for the evangelization of the millions on our doorsteps seems to be coming to the Church, and doors which have hitherto been closed to the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are gladly opened, while requests to "come again and will fill the Church" are not infrequent.

In the interests of the work I have traveled as far South as Little Rock, Ark., northward almost to the Canadian boundary in North Dakota, west to the Oregon line, and, last, to the great city on Lake Michigan. Have spoken at 3 Annual Conferences, at 4 Woman's Home Missionary Society Conference meetings, 9 District meetings, 2 camp meetings, at Epworth Leagues, at Sunday schools, at chapel exercises in universities, at Y. W. C. A.'s, at Auxiliaries, Circles, and Ladies' Aid meetings—hence "a cosmic sweep of vision" would be needed to do justice to these variant folk.

Have enjoyed the hospitality of the Adeline Smith and E. L. Rust Homes in the sunny Southland, of E. E. Marcy Home in Chicago in the wind-swept, snow-swept month of March, and of our Deaconess Homes in Salt Lake City and Denver. Everywhere the faithful workers were giving of their best.

Much of the success of the year is due to the pastors and District Superintendents for hearty co-operation, and to the faithful women for the careful planning of the itineraries.

In the rather strenuous life of long journeys and short abidings the second word of our Society name, *Home*, is comfortingly illumined by the kindly hospitality of those elect ladies whose guest we are privileged to be—heart warmth kindles heart warmth.

Most of the work has been done in Home Mission territory, but in some of the older Conferences pastors as well as the people need the vision. Many of them have not realized the great needs and opportunities of the homeland.

Field Secretaries and Conference and District officers must faithfully sow the seed, and He that alone can give will bring the sheaves unto the harvest.

(Miss Nellie Clulow, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Owing to my being pastor of a charge and having the care of two Churches, I have not given as much of my time and work as otherwise I should, yet under God I have been able to render some service and have filled every appointment made for me in the bounds of the Columbia River Conference. The following is a brief report of the work done during the year:

I have visited 9 places, preached, and made several addresses; attended the session of the Columbia River Annual Conference and gave the address for our Society; attended the annual meeting of the Columbia River Woman's Home Missionary Society at Moscow, Idaho, and organized the Coeur d'Alene District; also attended the annual meeting of the Upper Columbia District at Cashmere. I have found in nearly all places the women of our Church not at all indifferent to our work, but needing helpful instruction along all of its activities.

(Mrs. Clara L. Dobson, Field Secretary.)

I present the record of my first year as a Field Secretary. My heart is filled with gratitude to pastors and people, who have shown me so much of courtesy and kindness, and to God for His guidance and care.

My work has been in the Nebraska, West Nebraska, and Northwest Nebraska Conferences. Although the activities of our own, as well as other organizations of the Church, had to be suspended for a time in the interests of a vigorous endowment campaign for Nebraska Wesleyan University, the minutes show that our Society has made decided gains in each of these Conferences. Besides the statistical report which follows, I wish to mention the fact that almost every Church I visited has sent gifts of supplies to the Mothers' Jewels Home, and the Churches at Hay Springs, Rushville, Clinton, Gordon, Ainsworth, and Long Pine, in the Northwest Nebraska Conference, contributed a carload of potatoes to that institution.

Nebraska Methodists are whole-souled, generous people, and give freely to every worthy cause. In some parts of the State the Woman's Home Missionary Society has received very little notice, but as our field and its needs become better understood we may count on the most liberal support. I could not ask for a more pleasant place to labor, though I trust I may have opportunity to visit and study our work in other parts of the country.

Miles traveled, 7,600; days spent in the work, 251; Auxiliaries visited, 44; Churches visited having no Auxiliaries, 78; I have attended and addressed 3 Conference meetings, 1 District meeting, 2 ministerial associations, 3 Conference anniversary services, 2 district Epworth League conventions, 1 district W. C. T. U. convention and 1 interdenominational day of prayer; I have spoken at 5 Epworth League services, 3 Junior Leagues, 27 Sunday schools, 1 public school, 20 Auxiliary meetings, 29 other meetings of women, 9 Queen Esther Circle meetings, 9 Home Guard meetings, and 5 Mothers' Jewels meetings, besides 71 addresses in public Church services. Total number of addresses, 184; calls in interest of work, 269; letters written, 89; Auxiliaries organized, 26; Queen Esther Circles organized, 12; Home Guard Companies, 4; Mothers' Jewels Bands,

3; Auxiliary members secured, 338; Queen Esther members, 143; Home Guards, 46; Mothers' Jewels, 64; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 80; subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* 220; collections, $511.92.

(Mrs. Elizabeth Engel, Field Secretary.)

The time of the last four months, which was spent in working for the organization, was indeed a time of blessing. Although I went at the work a little fearing and hesitating, when the call came to me to go out as a Field Secretary, I said to myself: "I can not do it. I never will be able to stand in a public place and give an address." Then I came to the Lord, told Him about it, and while I was speaking to Him He gave me this promise: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." I then said to the Lord, "With Thine help I will try it," and so I did. We all know that there is a seed-sowing and a harvest time for the farmer; but unless he sows the seed he does not expect any harvest. I believe that is the work in our German Churches at present. We must first sow the seed; we must go and tell our people of this great work that the Woman's Home Missionary Society is doing, for they do not know much about it. At every place where I have been the question was asked, What is the Woman's Home Missionary Society? What are they doing? and How do they work?

It needs a good deal of explanation, and that is what I have been doing—have explained and have tried to get the people interested.

I visited the Chicago German, the St. Louis, the Northern, and the Northwest German Conferences, also 3 camp meetings, and presented our work at all of these places and got acquainted with the pastors, who, speaking in general, were friendly toward this work. Churches visited having no Auxiliary, 37; Churches with Auxiliaries, 7; secured some subscriptions for *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions;* could have gotten a larger number if we would have had a German paper. The older people especially asked for the German paper. Have traveled 3,591 miles, organized some Societies, Circles, and secured some Jewel members; made many visits in the interest of the work; wrote and sent out about 100 letters, trying to arrange with pastors and to make appointments. My work perhaps differed a little from that of the other Field Secretaries, seeing that only one of our German Conferences is organized; I had to make my own itinerary and do the best I could. I believe and am sure that if we continue this work we can in a few years give a good report and tell of great things that God has done for us.

"All things are possible with God."

(Mrs. Celestine Bernheim, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Through the kind providence of God I am permitted to submit my first annual report as a Reserve National Field Secretary. Truly the Scripture is fulfilled in my life, "that old things have passed away and everything has become new." For I feel as the least among you, as it is but five years since God converted my soul from the ranks of unbelieving Judaism into His marvelous light. The work has brought a great deal of joy to my own heart through the kind friends and the pastors, who were ever ready to assist in our efforts, and we thank God for the cordial welcomes that were extended.

Ninety-two days were given to the work, and 95 addresses made; traveled 10,180 miles; addressed ministerial Conferences, annual conventions, Epworth League Institutes, W. C. T. U. and Y. W. C. A. meetings; also District meetings, Queen Esther Circle rallies, and Junior League gath-

erings, camp meetings; organized Queen Esther Circle and new Woman's Home Missionary Societies, in which the men were enthused to join also. New subscribers for *Home Missions* were secured, and found hearts everywhere ready to respond to the appeal of our great work. Represented our cause at many Churches, taking offerings, and in many places was enabled to double and treble the former offerings. Correspondence and personal visitation assisted me greatly in carrying out the plans and purposes of our cause. One of the real joys of this year's work was the determination of some who are now at school preparing themselves for work among those who sit in darkness in our homeland as a result of the message that I was permitted to bring to them in His name.

(Mrs. F. B. Clark, Reserve Field Secretary.)

As Reserve Field Secretary and Secretary of the Boston office, I find that my time is fully occupied. When not in the office, I am ready to respond, as far as I am able, to the calls that come for help.

During the last year it was my privilege to travel many miles and to speak in four different Conferences, presenting the work of our great Home Missionary Society at Conference, District, and Quarterly meetings, before Epworth Leagues, Sunday schools, Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels. I attended a Young Peoples' rally and took part in the Interdenominational Day of Prayer. I also spent a week at New England Conference, and one at Northfield in the interest of the work. The papers and literature were faithfully presented, and as a result much reading matter found its way into many homes. My service in the field was so interrupted that I have not an accurate number of members or subscriptions, but a goodly number of both were gathered.

There was a marked increase in the demand for Home Missionary speakers the last year, and our young people seemed to catch the spirit, too.

A very good beginning was made toward a permanent exhibit, which will be added to from time to time until New England has her own exhibit.

As Office Secretary there are many opportunities of meeting people and of talking over the work of our Society. It has proved a wonderful point of contact. Yours for better work next year.

(Mrs. D. M. Wood, Reserve Field Secretary.)

The year has been one of joy in the Master's work. I have traveled 2,700 miles, gave 66 addresses, made 80 calls in the interest of the work, organized 13 Auxiliaries with 192 members, 12 Queen Esther Circles with 221 members, 10 Home Guards with 165 members, 8 Mothers' Jewel Bands with 295 members, 16 Reading Circles with 246 members; I secured 55 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 222 for *Children's Home Missions.* Part of my work was in California, the land of sunshine and flowers, with its tens of thousands of heathens, ten thousand Hindoos in one settlement, heathen temples looming up, with their heathen priests proselyting our American women into their heathen religion, convinces one of the need of more workers and of consecrated women who are willing to carry the burden and responsibility of leadership in all our Conferences. While we see the fields white unto harvest, we behold the enthusiastic workers gathering sheaves for eternity.

(Mrs. M. E. Mason, Reserve Field Secretary.)

The work of the year just closing has been encouraging. My visit to the Central Alabama Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society at its annual session in Birmingham was very encouraging. This gave me

an opportunity to speak to large audiences in the interest of the general work and particularly of my department. As a result the Woman's Home Missionary Society is better understood in that section and reports since show unusual progress. Two Auxiliaries, whose work had been discontinued, have been reorganized and are now doing splendid work. Each District Conference that I have had the privilege to visit, shows increasing interest both in membership and in finance. We go forward to another year with hope and courage.

(Miss Olivia G. Dunlap, Reserve Field Secretary.)

During the few weeks I have given to the field work the last year, I have worked in the Illinois, Southern Illinois and St. Louis Conferences. Have traveled 8,100 miles. Have made 80 addresses in interest of the work. In addition have made two Thank-offerings, two Chautauqua and two Missionary Institute addresses on Home Missions. Have organized six Auxiliaries, twenty-five Queen Esther Circles, five Mothers' Jewels, three Home Guards. Have secured 610 new members for Queen Esthers, 200 new Auxiliary members, 20 Mothers' Jewels, 28 Home Guards. Organized 30 Reading Circles. Secured 15 Subscriptions for *Woman's Home Missions.* Have placed 10 copies in as many Sunday Schools. Attended two Annual Conferences, two Home Missionary Conferences, five District Meetings, and two Missionary Institutes. Have visited three Settlement Houses, one Orphanage, and one Hospital, all a part of our work. For the coming year my vision is larger, my faith stronger, I realize we are only on the foothills. The multitude are all around us, asking to be taught.

(Mrs. Daniel Onstott, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Looking back over the work of the past year, I can but exclaim, "What hath God wrought?" Surely, His hand has led, and the year has been one full of opportunities, which has been used to help in laying foundations that will be completed in the future by the Great Architect. Most of my time has been given to the new work in Kentucky, and pledges and cash amounting to several thousand dollars have been secured; have visited and represented the work in four Conferences; organized 6 Queen Esther Circles, 4 Home Guards and 8 Mothers' Jewels; secured 120 new Auxiliary members, 50 subscribers to *Woman's* and 130 to *Children's Home Missions,* and have distributed over 5,000 leaflets, and written four leaflets on the new work in Kentucky, and furnished illustrated articles on the work for the *Western Christian Advocate.*

Attended the General Conference and Home Mission Week at Chautauqua, N. Y., and did what I could to forward the interest of the Society.

Had charge of the exhibit of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the World in Cincinnati during March, and distributed leaflets and gave daily talks on the work. Altogether the work of the past year has been one of satisfaction, and although mistakes have been made, yet I know, the Master Builder can take the broken pieces and make of them a perfect pattern in beautiful mosaic.

Having moved from Kentucky to Indiana, I returned to attend the Conference Anniversary at Barbourville in September, and the Convention in Lexington October 9th and 10th, and helped in making plans for the year's work, and securing not only the Conference officers, but for the four Districts as well. This gives to the Conference a strong corps of workers, equal to most of the larger Conferences, and the outlook for the work of the new year is most encouraging and will, I am sure, bring large returns in the near future.

(Miss Greeta Leigh, Field Secretary for Young People's Work.)

The past year has been a good one. But as I try to put in black and white what I have done, the figures seem very inadequate. They do not express what has been put into the work, nor even what I have gained from the work. It has been a busy year, full of pleasant experiences. The time until the tenth of December was spent traveling with Miss Barge.

During the year I have been in twelve Conferences, in six of these doing itinerary work. I have attended and addressed two Conferences and nine District Conventions of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and two District Foreign Missionary Conventions. With Mrs. Dailey I attended the Summer Conference of the Missionary Educational Movement at Silver Bay, N. Y., and represented our work at one of the denominational meetings. It was my great privilege while in Louisville, Ky., last January, to attend a number of the sessions of the National Child Labor Convention.

I have spoken at 78 public church services, 27 Sunday schools, 22 Leagues, 17 Young People's rallies, 29 Circles, 41 Auxiliaries of the Home and 2 Auxiliaries of the Foreign Society, 3 College chapels, 2 High School chapels, 3 college Y. W. C. A., 1 city Y. W. C. A., 3 mass meetings for women, 3 city women's clubs, 12 prayer meetings, 2 union Auxiliary meetings, and 19 times at District Conventions. I have met with one Conference Executive Board, three Circle Cabinets, one Young People's Conference Executive, and have spoken at 28 meetings of various nature—as Ladies' Aid, etc.

I have organized 30 new Societies, 17 of which have been Circles, securing 571 new members. I have traveled 13,121 miles and have visited 13 of our fields, viz., four city Settlements, one National and one Conference Training School, two Industrial Schools, two Deaconess Homes, one Indian School, and our new work at Olive Hill and Harlan, Ky.

This year is passed and the record closed. But the new one is open before me. I am entering it with the prayer that God will use me to advance His work.

(Miss Bessie M. Garrison, Field Secretary.)

During the past year my labors have been in the Lincoln, Texas, West Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Upper Mississippi, Florida, South Florida, Lexington and Central Missouri Conferences in the interest of the Society. I have visited four Annual Conferences; two Annual Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society meetings; one District Woman's Home Missionary Society meeting, and five of the Homes in the South in the interest of the work. I have traveled 6,130 miles; have organized ten new Auxiliaries and revived a number; organized twelve Queen Esther Circles, four Home Guard Companies and four Mothers' Jewels Bands; have secured 210 Auxiliary, 145 Queen Esther and 78 Home Guard and Jewel members; 73 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 11 to *Children's Home Missions.*

It has been my privilege to present the work at one Chautauqua, in Sunday schools and in public schools and colleges. During May I was a delegate to the General Conference, in Minneapolis, and presented the work there several times. 185 addresses have been given.

The signs of improvement in the work among the colored Conferences is very marked. In February it was my privilege to organize the South Florida Mission. The entire colored constituency is now organized. Could we have more Secretaries among these Conferences, the growth would be more rapid.

(Miss Carrie Barge, College Secretary.)

One very important phase of interdenominational work is that which relates to the College Work. The work the past year has been done in harmony with the plan laid down by the Council of women in co-operation with the National Board Y. W. C. A. Excellent reports come from the six Summer Conferences of students, where we had able representatives. As one result of this we now leave on file the names of 470 choice Methodist college girls with whom our representatives had personal interviews, and with whom your College Secretary is now in correspondence. An excellent plan is now being perfected by which we shall be able to do definite work among college alumnae.

The work has required a vast amount of correspondence, of thought and prayer, but it has brought concrete and helpful results.

(Miss Emily H. Butterfield, Reserve Field Secretary for Young Woman's College Auxiliaries.)

During the past year I have not been sent by the Woman's Home Missionary Society on any itineraries. I have, however, responded to calls from District and Conference officers a number of times. As these have been either in Detroit or vicinity, they have not been in the nature of regular Secretary work.

Although I have corresponded extensively in regard to the College Auxiliary, there has as yet been no apparent result. College women are usually busy women, no matter in what community they may be located. It is difficult to put the matter before them in writing sufficiently strong to enlist their leadership in organizing a College Auxiliary. The women of our Society, who live in large cities and are in touch with great numbers of college girls, have a much greater opportunity for enthusing them than it is possible to do by letter writing. College girls and thinking women readily recognize the vast amount of work accomplished by our Society. During the next year we are ambitious to gain as working members a great number of these girls in all cities, who will give a large share of their thought and time to mission work of various types. The college girls of Methodism should be included in the membership of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. To accomplish this is a purpose of our College Women's Auxiliary.

CONFERENCE WORK.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOME FOR GIRLS, ST. LOUIS, MO.

For the Year ending October 1, 1912.

The year has been a pleasant, busy one; the most prosperous in the history of the "Home." There has been no serious sickness of any kind. Several of the girls have had tonsils and adenoids removed, and ears, eyes, and teeth have required treatment. Two cases of mumps and three of skin disease have been the only contagious cases, and these were soon cured.

Our thanks are due Doctors H. S. Crossen, J. E. Graham, W. M. C. Bryan, and J. F. Shoemaker for service rendered; also to the managers of the Deaconess Hospital and Emmaus Asylum.

Forty-one girls have been in the Home during the year, exclusive of four transients, who spent only a day or two here. Of the 41, six ran away, were caught and placed in other institutions, four were sent to Sanitariums for treatment, eight were returned to their own homes, five were placed in new homes, two were sent to Christian schools for a more advanced education, sixteen are now in the Home.

Owing to the lack of room, we have had to refuse many who were just as needy as those admitted.

A few of the girls who have gone from us have disappointed us, but most of them are doing finely, a real encouragement to renewed effort and an extension of this work.

Expenses this year have increased slightly, owing to the extremely high cost of everything eatable, the total expense being about $4,200. We greatly appreciate the loyalty of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of the St. Louis Conference and are hoping for an increased interest the coming year. Miss Viola Miller, our Field Secretary, has met with a cordial welcome in most of the Churches to which she has gone throughout the State and their response has been generous. We are hoping to build up a constituency that will enable us to undertake much larger things in the near future.

The court work is most interesting and through the efficiency of our representative there, Miss Rae Lawton, we have been given most cordial recognition and commendation. She has spent many half-days in both the criminal and juvenile courts, and has made scores of calls besides aiding much in home work.

The industrial work has been most attractive and effective, owing to the earnest work of the ladies who have come voluntarily each Wednesday afternoon. The girls also very much enjoy their industrial and cooking classes at Union Church. The Ladies' Sewing Committee and the various ladies' societies have aided greatly in clothing the girls.

The educational work has been most thoroughly and conscientiously done under the supervision of Miss Leone Rice, a teacher of rare ability. Our grades range from fourth to eighth. There is marked progress in this department, which manifests itself not only intellectually, but morally. Miss May Johnson generously gave piano lessons to seven of the girls part of the year. Several of these girls are anxious to continue lessons, their interest having thus been awakened.

Morally, the standard of the girls is much higher. All of them love their Sunday school. Fully half the number are members of the Church and are striving to live consistent Christian lives.

Considering all things, the year has been most encouraging.

IDA BENTLEY, *Superintendent.*

Department of Literature.

"WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

With the coming of 1913, *Woman's Home Missions* will enter upon its thirtieth year. Launched upon the uncertain sea of journalism with a small guarantee fund and six hundred pledged subscriptions, it has made its way steadily to its present position, well beyond the coveted 40,000 line. Truly, the little one has become a thousand many times repeated.

Congratulations are due the publisher, who has so long and earnestly striven toward this goal; to all Field Secretaries, who have remembered this, their best ally, in public addresses and for so impressing its importance as an educational factor upon the women that they have been able to secure lists in Churches visited; and to the army of persistent, painstaking paper agents, who, after all, are the hard, all-the-year-around workers, looking for and receiving no public applause.

"Prayer and pains" are the wings upon which our publication has been upborne from the beginning. Let us continue to pray for it, and let us not forget to take pains for it. Webster defines "painstaking" as "diligence, faithfulness and assiduity." The Conference Secretary, who sends out her annual letter to Auxiliaries without so much as mentioning our papers, has failed to take pains for the enlightenment and building up of her constituents in the grace of *Home Missions.* The Auxiliary paper agent, who sends a small list to the publisher with the apology that "the women do not seem to care for the paper," and who in most instances is found not to be herself a subscriber, needs to look well to her commission. The Auxiliary officers, who do not learn whether the subscription list is going up or going down, are not working for the best good of the Society which they serve. Prayer and pains will correct these and other errors.

Diligent and continuous effort has been put forth during the past year to make the paper a real mirror of the Society's work. Diligence and faithfulness, too, have marked the work of its friends in the field and by the wayside, as is abundantly shown by the excellent advance made over last year's record.

The Editor is always in debt to the many busy women who are ready to report progress from time to time. These good friends are patient with delays—as is also the Editor. It may be gratifying to some, who furnish more detailed information than can be used in our crowded columns, to know that even a wider publicity than can be given by our paper is afforded to much which can not be granted space in our columns, through the Church press.

The *Home Mission* enigmas seem to be steadily gaining in favor. Numerous letters come to the Editor's desk, setting forth the valuable aid they prove in securing subscribers. We cordially commend them to the use of our Auxiliaries.

"Prayer and pains,"—let us take this for our motto in working toward a still greater success during the coming year.

MARTHA VAN MARTER.

"CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Once again the Editor ventures to urge upon the members of the Convention the claims of our child's paper. Missionary interest among children depends almost entirely upon interest among adults. If we as missionary women have the future welfare of our Society at heart we shall *do something* for the children's work. There is no question, but that if the hearts of the officers and delegates before me could be stirred to an adequate conception of the importance of enlisting the children for Home Missions, the coming six months would mark a wonderful advance in organization and in consequence a large increase in the subscription list of *Children's Home Missions.*

It is very true that the representatives here of our widely extended Society are busy women, but not one is too busy to pray for this work, and the heart that cares enough to pray for it will be likely to care enough to talk for it. Conference, District and Auxiliary officers can at least see to it that plans are made for the generous recognition of the little people at all public meetings. They can, also, interest themselves without giving any great amount of time, in the work of the Children's Secretaries. In short, they can show that in their own mind this is a vital matter.

Our great Society one year ago reported 150,000 Auxiliary and Circle members with less than 30,000 Home Guards and Jewels. This showing reflects seriously upon the leaders of the Society. Can there be any doubt that if the real importance of this arm of our service should get upon the hearts of the leaders, this number would be doubled within the year? It is after all the leaders who can pass on the stimulus to the rank and file. Both "prayer and pains" are needed in behalf of this work. The matter is vital and we *must* get it upon our hearts. Among the little girls in every Church and Sunday school are some only awaiting an outlet for their fresh enthusiasm. Among these are the future leaders and workers of our Society, who, if enlisted and trained in these youthful days, will yet bring great things to pass for God and native land. Far too long has this part of our work been lightly passed over. It can not be left to the Secretaries alone. It must have the backing of the National. Conference, and District leaders, who will take so strong a hand in seeing that the road is cleared for the young feet, that Auxiliaries will by and by come to feel it a real disgrace to be childless!

When the Society awakes to its obligation in this respect, our little paper will take on new life and power and become a strong factor in the conquering march of the Home Missionary forces of the Church.

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Editor.*

PUBLISHER "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Report for year ending July 31, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

On hand August 1, 1911		$1,110 17
Subscriptions	$13,562 72	
Advertisements	465 60	
Old metal	50 00	
		14,078 32
		$15,188 49

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and mailing	$9,065 08	
Clerical help and office supplies	887 54	
Railroad fare, Editor and Publisher, to Annual Meeting	161 20	
		10,113 82
Treasurer Woman's Home Missionary Society		4,000 00
Balance on hand July 31, 1912		1,074 67
		$15,188 49

(MISS) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

Audited and approved, EDWARD L. KENT, *Auditor.*

Number subscriptions for fiscal year 1910-1911 37,170
Number subscriptions for fiscal year 1911-1912 40,550

PUBLISHER "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Report for year ending July 31, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

On hand August 1, 1911	$6 72	
Subscriptions	2,015 30	
		$2,022 02

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and mailing	$1,150 86	
Office expenses	71 16	
		$2,022 02

Printing bills unpaid $76.36.

(MISS) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

Audited and approved, EDWARD L. KENT, *Auditor.*

Number subscriptions for fiscal year 1910-1911 22,837
Number subscriptions for fiscal year 1911-1912 21,215

GENERAL PUBLICATIONS.

ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Editor and Business Manager.*

The first report of leaflet supplies for the Woman's Home Missionary Society was made at the second annual meeting of the Board of Managers, in the fall of 1883. It showed a total of ten leaflets bearing the imprint of the Society, expressed the belief of the Committee on Leaflets that there was "an especial field for missionary tracts and leaflets," and recommended that "their publication be continued."

The following year the question was raised as to whether the leaflets were really worth the cost of publication, one speaker saying that "so far as her observation went but little interest was manifested in them." This elicited spirited denial and discussion, and resulted in orders to increase the number issued and to distribute them liberally.

At the annual meeting of 1888, the care of the leaflets passed into the hands of Mrs. E. E. Marcy, and for several years the supplies were kept at her home and sent out by her. This labor of love continued until the burden became too heavy for her weakened physical powers, and the brave hands that had borne not only this but many other burdens connected

with the new organization were forced to transfer them to others. The leaflets then—1896—came under the no less strong and efficient care of the present editor of *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions,* Miss Martha Van Marter.

In 1892, $61.78 was received from leaflet sales. A decade later, in 1902, the amount received for the year was more than ten times as much. Cincinnati, the legal headquarters of the Society, was, as a matter of course, one of its depositories, and offices had been opened in New York, Chicago and Boston.

Under Miss Van Marter's direction the work went forward with constantly growing demands for the presentation of the rapidly extending work of the Society, and careful planning on the part of its manager. During this time the foundation was laid for the Study Course, with its accompaniment of regular programs and topical issues of *Woman's Home Missions.* The resultant increased intelligence of our workers has proved the value of this regular, definite study, and the more than two thousand Auxiliaries and Circles who are now thinking the same thoughts in connection with Home Missions through twelve months of the year constitute a mighty power for service.

In 1906 the burden was again transferred, Miss Van Marter suggesting as her successor the present Editor and Business Manager, who found herself fortunate in entering upon an inheritance of wise plans and helpful material.

Progress.—Six years ago the work of the department was in a transition stage. It had outgrown its original methods of book-keeping and the inter-relation of the several offices needed re-adjustment. A committee appointed by the Board of Trustees met with the Office Secretaries in the hospitable home of our National Corresponding Secretary, and spent three days in close study of the problems involved. The conclusions thus reached, confirmed later by the Board of Trustees, became the law under which we have been working to date.

Acting on the kindly and generous advice of a New York business man—Mr. R. F. Hetherington, whose valuable help we gratefully acknowledge—new bookkeeping methods were installed. Changes in report blanks made it possible to show with reasonable accuracy the work done and the totals of receipts and disbursements from all the offices, so that for the last five years we have been able to make satisfactory comparisons. These may be summarized as follows:

Total number of leaflets, booklets, badges, mite-boxes, etc., sent out in 1907-1908, 789,308; in 1911-1912,

Cincinnati	8,332
San Francisco	44,266
Boston	47,248
Chicago	235,431
New York	795,815
Total	1,131,092

These figures are only for leaflets put into actual circulation among our constituents during the year. To give full credit to the work done at New York they must be increased by the totals sent from that office to all others.

The receipts of the department for the year 1907-1908 were $5,087.42; for 1911-1912,

Boston	$320 04
Cincinnati	368 17
San Francisco	385 02
Chicago	1,851 17
New York	5,933 55
Total	$8,857 95

The average annual gain for five years has been $754.10.

Textbooks for the current year sent out in 1907-1908, 3,068; in 1911-1912, 7,718.

In 1910 a new office was opened in San Francisco, which is emphatically "making good." The task of handling, counting, wrapping, addressing, stamping and mailing our supplies is no small undertaking, and too much praise can not be given to the faithful Office Secretaries and Assistants who have loyally and cheerfully made it possible. Grateful acknowledgment is also made of the generous services rendered by our auditor, Mr. Edward L. Kent, and the valuable help of the Literature Committee.

By direction of the Board of Trustees the Editor spent seven weeks of last March and April visiting our Homes and schools in the South. They were fruitful weeks in knowledge gained and interest and enthusiasm intensified. If the leaflets growing out of the journey can impart to those who read them but a tithe of the sense of need and the value of the work being done that was felt by the traveler, the days thus spent will not have been in vain.

Besides these fourteen leaflets the Editor has written sixteen others (including the Supplement to our Junior textbook for 1913), since the last annual meeting, and edited at least as many more; compiled the Calendar for next year, prepared advertising leaflets and copy each month for our advertising page in *Woman's Home Missions*, written the monthly Home Guard page in *Children's Home Missions*, etc. The business management has involved a large and rapidly increasing correspondence. She has honestly served to the limit of time and strength, but no one knows better

"How little has been gained,
How vast the unattained."

Recommendations.

1. We now have the anomaly in our Annual Report of the heading, "Department of Literature," with the sub-head, "Department of General Publications." I recommend that the first be changed to "Literature Section" or some similar phrase, retaining the name, "Department of General Publications."

2. That the Board of Managers collectively and individually call the attention of our organizations—local, District and Conference— to the importance of electing Secretaries of Literature who will earnestly cooperate with this Department in bringing its supplies to the knowledge of our members and so increasing their use.

3. The organization of Circles and Home Guards is increasing in our Homes. We wish the young people to become intelligent members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. To this end I recommend that authority be given the Manager of this department to provide each of these organizations that does active work with the necessary Study Course supplies for the year, without charge.

4. "Lest we forget," I ask renewal of the action taken many times by this body, ordering that all leaflets bearing the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society or the name of its office of publication, be submitted to the Editor of Publications before printing.

On motion referred to Board of Trustees.

5. Since the receipts of the Department during the summer months are small, the necessity of incurring large printing bills at this very time in preparation for the annual meeting forces the attempt to "make bricks without straw"—always a difficult task. I submit that a business with receipts of nearly $9,000 per year should have a permanent capital on which to draw in time of emergency, with the understanding that it should be repaid into its own treasury so as to keep the capital intact for continual use. To this end I present to you, by direction of the Literature Committee, its recommendation that $500 be set aside from the funds of the Society and placed in the hands of the Business Manager for this purpose.

ALICE M. GUERNSEY.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Receipts, including amount on hand	Disbursements (see below)	To Business Manager	Balance on hand
Boston	$321 09	$128 71	$191 00	$1 38
San Francisco	393 67	108 71	280 00	4 96
Cincinnati	450 80	237 91	210 00	2 89
Chicago	1,851 17	846 83	1,004 34	....
New York	6,125 01	3,771 02	2,353 99	....
	$9,141 74	$5,093 18	$4,039 33	$9 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Boston	San Fran.	Cincinnati	Chicago	New York	Total
Postage and Express.	$58 38	$78 92	$108 92	$272 83	$1,217 59	$1,736 64
Office Supplies	12 39	16 42	.....	87 85	275 10	391 76
Misc. (telephone, extra help, etc.)	.....	8 94	.....	28 72	191 70	229 36
Textbooks, badges, etc.	57 94	4 43	128 90	457 43	1,854 05	2,502 84
Rent of stockroom	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 00	117 00
Annual meeting	.....	.....	.....	.....	115 58	115 58
	$128 71	$108 71	$237 91	$846 83	$3,771 02	$5,093 18

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER.

RECEIPTS.

From Offices	$4,039 33	
From Gen. Treasurer for Mite-boxes	487 97	
		$4,527 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing (including Annual Meeting Daily)	$3,799 78	
Mite-boxes	487 97	
		4,287 75
Balance on hand		$239 55

"I have examined the foregoing account and find the same to be correct.

EDWARD L. KENT, *Auditor.*"

READING CIRCLES AND HOME MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

Some are born readers, some achieve reading, and some have reading thrust upon them, and of these the members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society belong to the latter category.

Blessed are the readers, for they shall receive inspiration. Someone has said that perhaps no part of the teaching of the Scriptures is more ignored by Christian people than "Add to virtue knowledge." We are enjoined to "get knowledge," to "get understanding," to "speak to the children of Israel that they go forward," and that "My people perish for want of knowledge."

The Bureau of Home Missionary Reading Circles and Mission Study Classes is one of greatest importance, since it "feeds all the rest," creating opinion and educating the public as none other does or can.

A great French engineer has had a ditch dug in the Sahara; the water in this will "create an atmosphere," as he calls it, and sometime this greatest desert in the world will blossom.

That is what the study of our Reading Course will do; and you, dear women, must help to "create an atmosphere" among the desert of uninterested women about us, so they may receive the vision of the Christ as He walked in Galilee.

No one can read our text-books without getting a spiritual uplift, a wider horizon, and the enlarged vision that comes from knowledge.

These days we hear much of efficiency experts in the business world. That is what knowledge and prayer will make of us—"efficiency experts" in the Lord's business. Consecrated intelligence is needed in this work of soul-saving.

A little boy, told to write a composition, finally evolved this sentence: "It is rather difficult and pretty impossible to convey to others those ideas which you are not yourself possessed of."

The Reading Circles and Mission Study Classes exist first, last, and all the time that the members may be possessed of ideas. How can we convey to others a knowledge of the needs and opportunities of this beautiful homeland unless we are ourselves possessed of the knowledge?

In order to secure the best results the missionary enterprise needs women of the highest culture and spirituality, of wide vision, to carry on its work.

A new, up-to-date List of Books is now ready. Send to any depository of the Methodist Episcopal Church for it. Some books indicated in previous lists are omitted to make room for later publications, but any of these will be accepted if read.

The Junior List is especially fine. See *new* List of Books for this.

No Secretary has a wider, more far-reaching field of influence in the officiary of this Society than in this department.

Permit the following suggestions for the work of the incoming year:

That the work of the Literature, Reading Circles, and Mission Study Classes be combined, and *the best woman* possible to be found be made the Secretary of this department in Districts and Auxiliaries, and, if desirable, also in the Conference organizations. Help your Secretaries by sending accurate reports punctually, without a second or third reminder.

Ask your public and Sunday school Library Boards to place the books of the Reading Circle Course, also Junior List, on its shelves. Boards are often glad for suggestions and will do as requested.

See that a copy of *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* is received among the magazines in your library.

Try to influence the Sunday school Board to put *Children's Home Missions* into the list of papers furnished the Sunday school—distribute them in the Junior League, thus educating the children to a realization of their duties as future citizens.

North Indiana Conference reports the largest percentage of increase, and is therefore entitled to the banner.

We go forth into the great harvest field to sow another year, invoking the divine blessing upon the workers, praying that we may not weary.

"And when it is all over, . . . then we shall see that instead of needing a larger field, we have left untilled many corners of our single acre, and that none of it is fit for our Master's eye were it not for the softening shadow of the cross."

Mrs. Cotton Mather, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF EDITOR OF ANNUAL REPORT.

Because of the serious illness of Miss Fish, I was called upon, after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting at Wichita, October, 1911, to edit the Annual Report. The call came so unexpectedly that there was no time to make any preparations. Some desirable changes were made in the arrangement; some omissions and mistakes were unavoidably made. A few additions seemed necessary, which I trust met the approval of the Society. Being General Conference year, the Board decided there should be an issue of 2,500 copies. Usually the number is limited to 2,000, which seems adequate.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. D. Thompson.

Reports of Committees.

THANK-OFFERING.

Although few statistics have reached the Chairman of the Thank-offering Committee, owing to the fact that a special effort was not put forth to secure such statistics, though a request was made through *Woman's Home Missions* for reports from Conference Treasurers, still this time-honored recognition of benefits received has gone on its way, blessing both givers and receivers. With the growth of interest, love, and loyalty, comes growth along this, as other, lines. It is good to be able to note that, of the Conference Treasurers reporting, a goodly number are able to report the turning of Thank-offering receipts to missionaries' salaries, as requested a few years since, thus easing the strain upon the General Treasury. A notable example of this is East Ohio Conference Society, which during the year past raised in Thank-offering funds $1,215.68, $1,210 of which was applied to the payment of teachers' salaries. Central Illinois Conference Society reports a Thank-offering of $516.87 applied to missionaries' salaries, while an additional $76.25 was applied on pledges. Doubtless other Conference Societies could give equally pleasing reports. A new Thank-offering program, entitled "The Days of the Son of Man," has been issued, which we are assured will be helpful both in Auxiliaries and in public services.

The Committee recommends:

1. That Conference officers instructing Auxiliaries urge the definite reporting of moneys raised as Thank-offering to the Conference Society as well as the objects to which applied.

2. That the offering be taken when possible at a public service preceded by an address on Home Missions, and that Thank-offering envelopes and literature be sent the week previous to all women of the Church.

3. That Conference officers urge upon Auxiliaries the appropriating of Thank-offering moneys to missionaries' salaries when not sent direct to the General Treasury.

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Chairman.*

MITE-BOXES.

More and more are the Auxiliaries realizing that through the systematic use of the Mite-box a substantial amount is added to their treasury, and they are thus enabled to pledge more heavily to special work.

We wish the report we here offer were, in some sense at least, an approximately correct report of the amounts raised in the different Conferences through this channel. The average Auxiliary Mite-box Secretary is absolutely indifferent to the matter of reports, and considers her work accomplished when she hands the money over to the Treasurer. Will not

our Conference Secretaries impress upon the Auxiliaries the importance of the office of a Secretary, whether it be of literature, of systematic benevolence, or of the Mite-box? Every department should have a competent Secretary who can and will take her department seriously and discharge the duties pertaining thereto conscientiously and promptly.

At the Annual Meeting at Wichita your Mite-box Secretary was requested to provide a larger and more substantial box. Several designs have been submitted, but none accepted. The chief difficulty is to procure a folding box which would also be firm and substantial. This style of box seems to be an absolute necessity because of the lack of storage room in our city offices. The question is an open one, and we leave it for your consideration.

We are glad to note that a few more Conferences have reported this year. We hope that by another year every Conference represented in the Woman's Home Missionary Society will have fallen into line, and a substantial increase reported.

CASH ACCOUNT—

Received from the General Treasurer.....$25 50

DISBURSEMENTS—

Paid for postage, expressage, office help.....$25 50

AMOUNT OF MITE-BOX COLLECTIONS.

Baltimore	$1,155 49	New York East	780 15
California	515 23	North Indiana	2,611 03
Central Illinois	313 43	North Nebraska	159 03
Central New York	794 39	Northern Minnesota	372 33
Central Ohio	856 29	Northern New York	527 00
Central Pennsylvania	803 03	North Ohio	247 93
Cincinnati	1,460 71	Northwest Indiana	1,071 65
Colorado	266 72	Ohio	949 12
Des Moines	981 07	Oklahoma	84 91
Detroit	1,990 23	Oregon	236 91
East Ohio	1,288 25	Philadelphia	844 88
Erie	1,226 24	Pittsburgh	676 00
Genesee	806 92	Puget Sound	361 80
Holston	33 81	Rock River	1,274 39
Illinois	403 22	St. Louis	496 80
Indiana	1,225 79	Southern California	1,326 85
Iowa	529 04	Southern Illinois	145 76
Kansas	76 48	Southwest Kansas	762 87
Kentucky	81 51	Troy	415 69
Little Rock	274 00	Upper Iowa	524 18
Maine	158 74	Washington	30 00
Minnesota	126 89	West Wisconsin	30 22
Michigan	754 55	Wilmington	290 47
Nebraska	131 89	Wisconsin	70 32
Newark	1,032 56	Wyoming	1,085 57
New England	547 32	Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels	1,425 99
New England Southern	284 87		
New Hampshire	96 10		
New Jersey	366 26	Total	$36,105 37
New York	714 49	Increase over last year	$4,879 23

SUMMARY.

The *Banner* Conference is North Indiana	$2,611 03
Detroit Conference is second	1,990 23
Cincinnati is third	1,460 71
Southern California is fourth	1,326 85
East Ohio is fifth	1,288 25
Rock River is sixth	1,274 39
Erie is seventh	1,226 24
Indiana is eighth	1,225 79
Wyoming is ninth	1,085 57
Northwest Indiana is tenth	1,071 65
In the Baltimore Conference one box contained	50 00
In the Central Ohio Conference one box contained	10 81
In the Cincinnati Conference two boxes each contained	10 00
In the Detroit Conference one box contained	23 00
In the Indiana Conference one box contained	11 50
In the Iowa Conference one box contained	10 00
In the Little Rock Conference one box contained	24 70
In the Newark Conference one box contained	16 57
In the New England Conference one box contained	12 25
In the North Indiana Conference one box contained	30 00
In the North Indiana Conference one box contained	25 00
In the North Indiana Conference two boxes contained	23 00
In the North Indiana Conference two boxes contained	16 25
In the Northwest Indiana Conference one box contained	35 76
In the Ohio Conference one box contained	21 20
In the Philadelphia Conference one box contained	20 00
In the Philadelphia Conference one box contained	12 00
In the St. Louis Conference the Kansas City National Training School raised	276 41
Number of Mite-boxes sent out from the five offices	98,115

A decrease from last year of 13,303

MRS. E. M. MILLS, *Secretary.*

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." This exultant cry of the Psalmist finds an echo in my own heart as I think of the splendid advancement made in the past year in many of our Conferences in the cause of systematic beneficence.

Two years ago I received reports from only *fourteen* Conference Secretaries.

Last year from *fifteen*. But this year I have received reports from *thirty-two*—more than double the number of the preceding year. The following Conferences constitute this honor roll on reports:

1, Alabama, Mrs. W. B. Smead; 2, Baltimore, Mrs. Florence S. B. McGlure; 3, Central Illinois, Mrs. I. M. Eastman; 4, Central Ohio, Mrs. J. W. Miller; 5, Cincinnati, Mrs. George W. DuBois; 6, Colorado, Mrs. C. M. Kellogg; 7, Columbia River, Mrs. W. E. Thompson; 8, Detroit, Mrs. W. M. Ward; 9, Des Moines, Mrs. E. P. Hudson; 10, East Ohio, Mrs. Naomi J. Mendenhall; 11, Illinois, Mrs. N. P. Middleton; 12, Lincoln, Mrs. J. E. Williams, 13, Maine, Mrs. B. C. Wentworth; 14, Michigan, Mrs. Janet Stone; 15, Minnesota, Mrs. James Fries; 16, Nebraska, Mrs. C. H.

Gould; 17, New England, Mrs. D. E. Brown; 18, New England Southern, Mrs. Jerome Greer; 19, New Jersey, Mrs. Lillian Maloney; 20, North Indiana, Mrs. M. A. Harlan; 21, Northern New York, Mrs. A. J. Shaver; 22, Northwest Indiana, Mrs. E. W. League; 23, Northwest Kansas, Mrs. J. Templin; 24, Oklahoma, Mrs. F. E. Gordon; 25, Philadelphia, Mrs. J. D. Adair; 26, Puget Sound, Mrs. A. F. Bourns; 27, Southern California, Mrs. C. B. Dyson; 28, Southern Illinois, Miss Luella Amon; 29, Southwest Kansas, Miss Bertha C. Price; 30, Vermont, Mrs. L. A. Powers; 31, West Wisconsin, Miss Susie Davis; 32, Wyoming, Miss C. B. Henry.

It is true that many reports were very meager, but in many cases good work had been done, far in advance of other years, but was not reported by District Secretaries and Auxiliary Secretaries who were new in office.

In some reports the information is too indefinite to tabulate. For example: "Number of leaflets and pamphlets distributed?" Answer—"A great many."

From the figures reported to me I am able to give the following statistics:

Thirty-one Conference Secretaries sent in reports to Bureau Secretary; 108 District Secretaries reported to Conference Secretaries; 25,719 leaflets and pamphlets have been distributed; 154 sermons on tithing have been preached; tithing has been presented before 153 Auxiliaries, 58 Sunday schools, 66 Epworth Leagues, 64 prayer meetings, and 76 conventions and rallies. During the year I sent a reply-postal to every Conference Corresponding Secretary, asking these two questions: "Have you a Secretary of Systematic Beneficence? If so, send me her name and address." "If not, will you appoint one at your next Conference Board meeting?"

As the result of this call I received a number of names, not hitherto reported to me, increasing my list of Conference Secretaries of Systematic Beneficence to 69. My heart rejoices over the fact that more than half of our Conferences are now in line to do definite work in advancing God's plan of finance.

I have the promise of twelve Conference Corresponding Secretaries that they will appoint Secretaries of Systematic Beneficence at their next meeting, but eighteen failed to reply to my appeal.

Dear Conference Secretary, are you one of the eighteen? If so, I beg of you to take this work on your heart and lend a hand in lifting the great burden of finance that rests not only on our own Society but upon every department of Christian endeavor.

When you return to your home, see to it that a Conference Secretary of Systematic Beneficence is appointed, and do not fail to send her address to me.

On August 8, 1912, I mailed a circular letter to 264 of our Board of Managers whose addresses are given in our national Annual Report. That letter contained three questions that could be answered "yes" or "no."

"Do you believe in tithing?" "Are you a tither?" "If not, do you practice some other form of systematic giving?"

Answers have been returned to me from all over our land to the number of 132. Would you like to hear them?

To the question, "Do you believe in tithing?" 93 per cent answered "Yes."

To the question, "Are you a tither?" 58 per cent answer "Yes." More than half of at least 132 of our national officers we thus know are tithers.

To the question, "If not a tither, do you practice some other form of systematic giving?" 35 per cent answer "Yes," leaving only 7 per cent

of these 132 officers off the list of systematic givers to the Lord's cause. Where do you stand, my sister?

You may recall the fact that a Special Committee was appointed by the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the Buffalo meeting to prepare a memorial on tithing for General Conference that convened in Minneapolis last May. As Chairman I am pleased to report that the memorial was prepared and sent to General Conference, and I am most happy to be able to report to you that General Conference has placed under Special Advices a chapter on stewardship, commending systematic tithe-paying as a Christian duty and as affording a solution of the financial problems of the Church.

The Episcopal Address for 1912 contains this significant paragraph: "To educate the Church in the principles of Christian stewardship and systematic giving is a tremendous task, but it must be undertaken." Slowly but surely is the Church being aroused from its lethargy on the subject of giving, and in the near future shall we behold her advancing with the tread of victory, able to enter the "open doors" for which she has prayed so long.

Will you have a part in financing Christ's kingdom? The opportunity is yours. Will you seize it?

Through supplication, agitation, and education we may each have a part in bringing to Christendom that glad day when every follower of Jesus Christ will consider it a blessed privilege to give at least one-tenth of his income to the advancement of God's kingdom on earth.

Mrs. I. J. Reynolds, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE.

Sixty-five Conferences have elected Temperance Secretaries. Many of our Auxiliaries are doing a little, and some a really notable temperance work. One of our leaders suggests that it is time that the work of this committee be defined. This would be desirable, and your committee will welcome all suggestions. This past year, as formerly, we have aspired to do whatever in our several localities seemed practicable and most needed. About one-half million pages of temperance literature have been distributed.

Your Chairman has expended $625 in the work of this committee. About $15 was received for postage. Not included in this, but possibly should be reported, was $100 appropriated by the West Virginia Conference and expended by them in their State-wide prohibition campaign. Several other Conferences have reported to me small amounts granted to them for their own Conference temperance work, but have not reported the amounts.

We have had the usual number of discouragements. Some still believe that we should leave temperance reform entirely to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, forgetting that the latter are doing their utmost and yet the per capita consumption of alcoholic liquors is steadily increasing.

Each Temperance Secretary was furnished a set of eight charts, with key, on the Relation of Temperance with Missions, reproduced from exhibit at "The World in Boston."

The International Sabbath School Association, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, publish a valuable set of twelve temperance charts that some of our Churches are using advantageously. The Denver Conference re-

ports notable success by using blackboard lesson posters or charts placed in conspicuous places in Epworth League parlors or Sabbath school rooms, not consuming any time from the service, but leaving the silent message to make its own photograph on the brain of all observers. Occasional sample packages of new leaflets were sent to all, but mostly the leaflets were sent in response to appeals from our Temperance Secretaries.

We sent a 15-pound package and $25 in money to the West Virginia Temperance Secretary, assisting in the publication of their *Young Campaigners' Temperance Songster.*

The Rock River Conference sent the best all-around report, though East Ohio deserves honorable mention.

Stamped envelopes were sent with report blanks, and 26 Conferences responded with tabulated reports. Most of the others have ordered leaflets and written me, and from various sources I have information that work is done that is not reported to me.

Others write that their work is largely done in co-operation with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and reported through that organization. In addition to report "many," "some," "several," "a few," there was reported 837 public meetings held, 287 sermons, 62 lectures, 55 temperance prayer meetings, and 25 medal contests.

CAROLINE H. MCDOWELL, *Chairman.*

DAY OF PRAYER.

Returns indicate that the Interdenominational Day of Prayer services were more generally observed this year than ever before and were occasions of much interest and spiritual power. They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. It is nothing for the Lord to help with many or with them that have no power.

To save America for Christ, to establish Christian ideals, is the object of our Society. Every democracy in the past has ended in anarchy and despotism. Our Government will be destroyed and our civilization will perish unless the principles of the Christian religion be established in the hearts and lives of the people.

The past is strewn with the wrecks of ruined nations destroyed because of sin. "That nation and people that will not serve God shall perish" is not only a Bible truth, but a truth of nature. The wages of sin is death.

Wickedness in high places as well as in low, graft and corruption in city, State, and National Governments, so general; intemperance, Sabbath desecration, class bitterness and hatred, will lead to ruin if not checked. The enemies most to be feared are from within, not from without.

Pure and undefiled religion is more than a blessed experience. It is a soul in action, to help unloose the chains of poverty, ignorance, and sin that bind so many of our race, and to bring them to a happy knowledge of God as their loving Father and Friend. This will bring joy and peace into their lives, and will make better citizens and neighbors, as well as better men and women.

The Day of Prayer is a very appropriate time to consider our relations as a society and as individuals to the practical problems of life, never forgetting that One is our Father, even God, and all we are brethren and sisters—of whatever race or people or condition.

We need to pray for more of the Christ spirit in our hearts, for more sympathy and love for people everywhere in their labors and sor-

rows, in their struggles with poverty and sin; for more self-denial, and to learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive, to minister than to be ministered unto. For—

"The seeing eye, the listening ear,
All love the heart may hold,
Lest in Thy name I fail to give
The cup of water cold."

We should pray that our officers may have strength and wisdom and constantly be led by the Holy Spirit; that all our Homes and schools and institutions everywhere be blessed of God for the accomplishment of the purposes for which they are intended.

Pray for the destruction of the liquor traffic. "All the woes of perdition lurk in the barroom. All that conspires against decency of living, peace of home, good of country, progress of achievement, honor in men, purity in women, and hope in humanity, has there its haunt."

Pray for the success of the peace movement, that the difficulties between nations may be settled by arbitration instead of war.

Consider the prevailing social evils: Child labor, the white slave iniquity, Sabbath desecration, the oppression of the poor and needy, the divorce evil and its causes.

If possible, a union service should be arranged, as in union there is increased strength in battling against the evils that threaten our National life and individual well-being. A general observance of this day will surely bring blessing to every department of our work

Mrs. Mary C. Hickman, *Chairman.*

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

During the year sixty-three persons have applied for positions. Fifty-eight have been accepted. A number of these formerly were employed under our Society, but for various reasons were obliged to leave the work for a time. Twenty-five have received appointments. Two have gone to Alaska, five are in Utah. Tucson, Harwood, Navajos, Boylan, Ritter, Peck, Olive Hill, Harlan, Morristown, Emerson, Kent, and Boaz, all have workers recommended by this committee.

Although there are a number now on the waiting list, it has not been possible to supply every call. As the doors of opportunity open, we need women of broad culture and experience to take places of responsibility.

Mrs. A. B. Storms, *Chairman.*

BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

Bequeathed to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church during the past year:

Anna Anderson, Clayton, Winnebago County, Wis., $200.

Mrs. Harmony E. Crosett, Davenport, Ia., $5,000.

Delos Hollowell, Pen Yan, N. Y., $250, for the benefit of Jesse Lee Home, at Unalaska. Also $500, no special purpose specified. Both bequests are subject to life estate of testator's sister.

Rachel D. Prettyman, Portland, Ore., a residuary legacy which will yield about $5,000.

Hannah M. Rockwell, New York, $1,000.

Florris A. Sackett, Cincinnati, $500 for the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Trinity M. E. Church and $400 to Glenn Home, Cincinnati.

John R. Senior, Philadelphia, Pa., $5,000, on which a partial payment has been received, and remainder to be received when the estate is settled.

Mary Edna Steel, West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Mich., $1,000.

Rev. A. P. Stover, Delavan, Ill., one-tenth of residue of estate, subject to life estates in testator's son and daughter. Interest to be accumulated until the principal reaches $2,000, and to be known as the Annie Stover-Haywood Fund.

Mrs. George L. Thorne, Pasadena, Cal., $1,000 to be used for the benefit of the Deaconess Home in Los Angeles.

Miss Vanderveer, New York City, $100 for use in Alaska.

Martha L. Peck, Polo, Ogle County, Ill., Francis T. Shinn, Aledo, Ill., Lewis E. Skeel, Putnam County, Ill., and Miss Nell Stutson, Lancaster, Ohio, have left bequests to the Society, the details of which have not yet been received.

The Fannie Murray Bequest in Kansas, which has been in litigation, has, by the trial court, been decided thus—that the income from the fund is to go to our Kansas Conference Society, the principal is to be invested and the income turned over to our Kansas Conference Society.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Kansas Conference referred to in the findings as the Kansas Conference Society, is entitled to the earnings of the Murray Trust Fund, created and arising under the trust deed executed by Mrs. Fanny Murray to Horace M. Jackson, trustee, May 28, 1905, the exact amount is to be hereafter definitely determined to be used by said Conference Society in the cause of the missions carried on by it.

The defendant corporations, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Kansas Conference and the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, should be enjoined from using their said names respectively and from doing business thereunder, the decree to be without prejudice to the rights of said corporations to change their names according to law.

AMOUNTS PAID ON BEQUESTS DURING THE YEAR 1911-1912.

From the estate of Mrs. Rodee, Denver, Colo.	$450 00
From Mrs. Eva M. Brown, Boston, Mass.	50 00
Under will of Maria E. Langdon, through M. C. Leslie, for the Glenn Home Mission Sunday School	50 00
Mrs. Delia Wadsworth, through Mrs. E. J. Strader	100 00
Mr. Boutecon, Newburg, N. Y., for Watts DePeyster Home, through Mrs. Norton	1,000 00
Thomas Curry (through will), Danville, Pa., for Hazelton work	100 00
From estate of Miss Lou Denning, Normal, Ill.	200 00
James H. Bascom, through Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh	1,777 60
From estate of J. R. Senior, partial payment through Mr. Slutes	1,790 34
R. S. Eggleston, Atlanta, Ga.	900 00
Irene Maitland	524 87
Nancy Plummer	1,028 32
Total	$7,971 13

MRS. RICHARD DYMOND, *Chairman.*

INSURANCE.

Premiums paid from August 1, 1911, to July 31, 1912 (inclusive), on insurance and amounts of policies for which such premiums are paid:

	Amounts.	Premiums.
Mount Pleasant, Utah	$1,100 00	$13 75
Savannah, Ga.—Haven Industrial Home	3,000 00	30 00
Asheville, N. C.—Allen Home	3,000 00	66 00
York County, Neb.	1,200 00	24 00
Clarkson, Miss.—Bennett Academy	1,000 00	30 00
Logan, Utah—Seminary Building	3,000 00	90 00
Elsinore, Utah—School Building	500 00	12 50
Provo, Utah—School Building	1,000 00	30 00
Camden, S. C.—School Building	5,000 00	100 00
Camden, S. C.—School Building	5,000 00	100 00
Clarkson, Miss.—Bennett Academy	500 00	17 50
Clarkson, Miss.—Bennett Academy	1,600 00	32 00
Sand Fly Sta., near Savannah, Ga.—Mary Haven Home	2,000 00	60 00
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	2,000 00	50 00
Greenville, Colo.	500 00	10 00
Salt Lake City, Utah	2,433 33	20 48
Salt Lake City, Utah	2,433 33	20 48
Salt Lake City, Utah	2,433 33	20 48
Asheville, N. C.—Allen Home	5,000 00	110 00
Asheville, N. C.—Lurandus Beech Industrial Home	5,500 00	121 00
Cincinnati, Ohio—Glenn Home	500 00	12 50
Tivoli, N. Y.—Watts De Peyster Industrial Home..	15,600 00	312 00
Tivoli, N. Y.—Watts De Peyster Industrial Home..	7,500 00	150 00
Tivoli, N. Y.—Watts De Peyster Industrial Home..	20,200 00	404 00
Camden, S. C.—Babcock Chapel	2,000 00	40 00
Little Rock, Ark.	800 00	20 00
York, Neb.—Randall Memorial Hospital	3,500 00	28 00
York, Neb.—Randall Memorial Hospital	3,500 00	17 50
West Holly Springs, Miss.—Rust Home	500 00	10 00
Camden, S. C.—Browning Home	4,000 00	80 00
Camden, S. C.—Browning Home School Building..	4,000 00	80 00
Camden, S. C.—Browning Home School Building..	1,700 00	34 00
Camden, S. C.—Browning Home School Building..	300 00	6 00
West Holly Springs, Miss.—Rust Home	2,000 00	40 00
West Holly Springs, Miss.—Rust Home	2,400 00	48 00
West Holly Springs, Miss.—Rust Home	2,500 00	50 00
Cincinnati, Ohio—Nos. 220-22-24 Fourth Ave., West	1,000 00	4 00
Little Rock, Ark.—Adeline Smith Industrial Home	1,500 00	37 50
Provo, Utah—East Ohio Home	300 00	7 50
Elsinore, Utah—Columbus Home	1,000 00	25 00
Spring City, Utah—Leech Home	400 00	10 00
Monroe, Utah—Gurley Home	500 00	12 50
Mt. Pleasant, Utah—Thompson Home	300 00	7 50
Albuquerque, N. M.—Harwood Industrial Home ..	1,000 00	23 00
Morristown, Tenn.—Industrial School	4,000 00	116 00
Total		$2,533 19

Respectfully submitted,

Cincinnati, O., July 31, 1912. MAGLY, STRAEHLEY & Co.

P. S.—Not written through this office:

New Orleans, La.—Peck Home—Training School..	$5,000 00	$50 00
New Orleans, La.—Peck Home—Training School..	5.000 00	50 00
New Orleans, La.—Peck Home—Training School..	10,000 00	100 00
New Orleans, La.—Peck Home—Training School..	3,000 00	24 00

BY-LAWS.

We recommend the following changes and additions to the By-laws as printed in the Annual Report of 1911-12:

Page 380. Amend Section 5 of the Constitution by inserting in the list of officers entitled to a vote, "Secretary of Finance;" place the clause "Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference" *after* the list of National Secretaries.

Page 381, Section 5. Change "Quarterly" to "Semi-annually."

Page 384, Paragraph 4. Change item 14 to read "Alaska-Eskimo, Alaska-Aleut." After item 15 insert, "Training-School; Hospital; New England; Northern; Northwest; Negro." Strike out item 20.

Page 385, Paragraph 25 (*a*). Add "Associate Secretaries shall be entitled to voice and vote in the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers."

Page 385, Paragraph 26. Change "seven" to "ten." Change the clause "the Bureaus to be known as," etc., to read, "the Bureaus to be known as the Bureau for National Training Schools, the New England, Eastern, Central, Western, Northern, Northwestern, Pacific, Negro, and the Bureau for Hospitals."

(*d*) Boundaries of Deaconess Bureaus.—These Bureaus comprise the deaconess interests of the Society within the bounds of those white, English-speaking Conferences and the Negro Conferences.

(*e*) Training School Bureau. This includes National and Conference Training Schools.

(*f*) New England Bureau includes the following Conferences: East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Troy, New England, New England Southern.

(*g*) Eastern Bureau includes New York East, New York, Wyoming, Northern New York, Central New York, Genesee, Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, Wilmington, Baltimore, Virginia; and Deaconess Stations south in the Atlantic Seaboard.

(*h*) Central Bureau includes Erie, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Ohio, North-East Ohio, Cincinnati-Central, Detroit, Michigan, Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana, Rock River, Central Illinois, Illinois, Southern Illinois, and stations south of this territory.

(*i*) Western Bureau includes Nebraska, Northwest Nebraska, Missouri, St. Louis, Arkansas, Kansas, South Kansas, Northwest Kansas, Southwest Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado.

(*j*) Northern Bureau includes Wisconsin, Northern Minnesota, Minnesota, Upper Iowa, Northwest Iowa, Iowa, Des Moines, North Dakota, Dakota, Black Hills Mission.

(*k*) Northwest Bureau includes Alaska Mission, Puget Sound, Columbia River, Montana, North Montana, Idaho, Wyoming Mission.

(*l*) Pacific Bureau includes Oregon, California, Southern California, Nevada Mission, Utah, Arizona Mission, New Mexico (English) and New Mexico (Spanish) Missions.

(*m*) Negro Deaconess Bureau includes all Negro Conferences within the boundaries of the United States.

(*n*) Hospital Bureau. This includes the hospital interests of the Society, with Brewster Hospital within the bounds of the Bureau for Florida.

(The Society has no Bureaus yet formed for Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, French, or Italian deaconess interests. Isolated stations of such workers will be cared for by the Secretaries of the white Conferences within whose bounds are such stations.)

Page 388. Finance. Paragraph 2. Auxiliary Societies. Change to read: "The Corresponding Secretaries shall send their reports semi-annually, December 15th, June 15th. The Treasurers shall send quarterly reports, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, June 15th."

Paragraph 3. Conference Societies. Change to read, "The Conference Corresponding Secretaries shall send semi-annual reports, January 15th, July 15th."

Paragraph 7 should end with the words "coming year."

Paragraph 8 should read: "The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers acting as a Committee of the Whole. This Committee shall not appropriate in any year more than the total available net income received by the Treasurer during the preceding fiscal year."

Paragraph 11 should read: "The payment of twenty dollars life membership does not excuse the life member from the payment of annual dues. The life membership is purely honorary."

Page 393. Constitution of District Associations. Strike out last clause of Section 4. Amend to read: "The five General Officers, viz., President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, after having been nominated, shall be elected by ballot."

Page 394. Constitution for Auxiliaries, Article III. Strike out "twenty cents Contingent Fund."

Page 395. Revise Paragraph 10 to read: "There shall be a Contingent Fund of twenty cents per member, provided by assessment, or by penny collections, or by any other method devised by Auxiliaries."

Mrs. C. W. Bickley,
Mrs. J. W. Price,
Mrs. Jos. Rae,
Mrs. M. D. Moors,
Mrs. D. M. Watters,
Mrs. J. T. Watters,
Mrs. W. C. Hayward,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, In the providence of Almighty God, we, the women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are in convention assembled in the city of Des Moines; and,

Whereas, The close of the fiscal year 1911-1912 gives evidence of the favor of God upon all branches of the work of the Society; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend in a high degree the efforts of our women that have resulted in an increase in membership, a great "Growth of the work of past year's beginnings," a satisfactory enlargement of plans for the future, and an increase of $65.000 in our income.

Whereas, The needs and conditions "Under Our Flag" appall us today as never before, and at no time in our work has the necessity of an earnest consecration been more evident; now be it

Resolved, That we lay upon the heart of each member a deeper sense of personal responsibility in the prayer circle, in the practice of systematic beneficence, and in the forwarding of the work of the Society.

Whereas, The mission of the Great Shepherd as expressed by the

work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is dependent upon the spread of missionary intelligence; be it

Resolved, That we urge the officers in every capacity to do their utmost to increase the number of subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions,* and wherever possible to secure the benefits of the Summer Schools of Missions.

WHEREAS, The future welfare of womanhood and of the Church is in the hands of the coming generation; now be it

Resolved, That as a Society we plan to search for and to train new leaders for children's and young people's work.

WHEREAS, There has come to all our work great help from out of the villages and country charges; therefore be it

Resolved, That we neglect not these parts of the field in the establishment of new Auxiliaries.

WHEREAS, The Industrial School has been found to be the only successful way of elevating to a higher civilization people of less fortunate circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, Side by side with the industrial school, the Christian hospital opens a great avenue for touching the masses by healing of both body and soul and for strengthening the Church, we heartily recommend the support of everything looking toward the enlargement of our hospital work.

WHEREAS, In the deaconess movement of our Church there have arisen two separate organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Between these two organizations there have been differences; now be it

Resolved, That we welcome the solution of this problem as undertaken by the General Conference, and pledge ourselves by prayer and supplication to so keep the grace of God in our hearts that criticism of our Society shall not be made; and be it

Resolved, That we congratulate the Society on the able representation from its National Board and heartily commend the masterly report of our National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, before the General Conference Committee on Deaconess Work.

WHEREAS, A year ago we incorporated in our resolutions an assurance of hearty support to the National Child Labor Committee for its valiant efforts in behalf of the burdened childhood in our land; be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratification over the action of Congress in creating the National Bureau of Child Welfare—the first effort made by our Nation to consider the condition of the child within its borders, and also express our supreme satisfaction that a woman has been placed at the head of this important work.

WHEREAS, The power of the liquor traffic reaches to an alarming extent the length and breadth of our fair land, ruining manhood, degrading womanhood, and cursing childhood; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as a Society, with no compromise, stand firmly and squarely for the prohibition of the liquor traffic in any form, and, as Lincoln said of slavery, "If ever we get a chance to hit that thing, we will hit it hard."

WHEREAS, By the dispensation of Providence the foreigner has entered into and is being assimilated by our civilization, and because of this we are brought face to face with the task of saving the world; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we make increased efforts to bring this stranger to our Savior, and that we accept the problems thus given us to solve—the immigrant in his relation, not only to the land of his transplanting, but

to the land and people of his birth; also the evils attendant upon this problem, of which we especially call attention to two: the white slave traffic and the invasion and spread of non-Christian faiths in America; and

Resolved, That we recognize with alarm the increasing menace of Mormonism in every part of our land: in politics, in business, and in our communities and homes. We therefore urge upon the women of our denomination the use of the Home Mission text-book, "Mormonism, the Islam of America," in Auxiliaries, Circles, Reading Circles, and study classes, in order that, through a clear understanding of the vital questions involved, we may bear our full share in such an awakening of public opinion and such a crystallization of Christian conviction as shall speedily result in the complete overthrow of the Mormon hierarchy.

WHEREAS, In the entertainment of the thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, everything for the comfort and happiness of delegates has been done by the Methodists and their friends in Des Moines; be it

Resolved, That this entire body hereby express heartfelt thanks for the same, and give especial mention to the following:

To Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, Chairman of all Local Committees, for her painstaking care of our needs;

To Mrs. E. A. Griffith, whose faith and courage are largely responsible for our presence in this city, and to whom thanks are due for the inspiring pageant and spectacular bond-burning;

To. Mrs. Louis Pritchard, Chairman of Entertainment Committee;

To Miss Woodcock, Chairman of Exhibits;

To Mrs. Byers, Chairman of Finance Committee;

To Mrs. J. S. Barnett, for faithful and delightful service at the organ;

To Governor Carroll and his wife, for their helpful words of welcome and for the reception at the State house;

To the Governor's staff and to the Etta Wood Gordon orchestra for courtesies;

To the ministers, for their assistance and the encouragement of their presence;

To the Queen Esthers, deaconesses, students and Faculty of the Iowa Bible Training School;

To Mr. Olney and the Boy Scouts;

To the women of the Churches, for ministrations in postoffice and dining room;

To the janitor, Mr. Payne;

To the decorator from Harris-Emery Co.;

To the florist, Mr. J. S. Wilson; and

To the city press.

WHEREAS, The ideal for the past year has been that we work "in the spirit of courage, power, love, and of a sound mind;" be it

Resolved, That in the coming year we be constant to the same ideal, and—through Auxiliaries, Queen Esthers, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels—pray, pay, and work for a report of $1,000,000 August 1, 1913.

MRS. HEDLEY R. WOODWARD,
MRS. ROBERT H. BEGGS,
MRS. J. LUTHER TAYLOR,
MRS. A. J. BENJAMIN,
MRS. F. F. SAFFORD,
MISS WOODCOCK.

APPROPRIATIONS

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For the Year Ending July 31, 1913.

Southern Work.—Colored.

	Unconditional.	*Conditional.	Total.
THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.			
Salaries	$1,550 00	$300 00	
Repairs		300 00	
Kindergarten	300 00		
City missions		200 00	
Student Aid		875 00	
	$1,850 00	$1,675 00	
			$3,525 50
HAVEN HOME AND SCHOOL, SPEEDWELL, GA.			
Salaries	$1,320 00	$200 00	
Repairs	950 00	250 00	
Student Aid		400 00	
	$2,270 00	$850 00	
			3,120 00
BOYLAN HOME AND SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Salaries	$2,620 00	$360 00	
Current expenses	300 00	100 00	
Furnishings		500 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
To complete building fence and furnishing		6,000 00	
	$2,920 00	$7,960 00	
			10,880 00
BREWSTER HOSPITAL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Salaries	$900 00	$60 00	
Rent	200 00	520 00	
Student Aid		100 00	
	$1,100 00	$680 00	
			1,780 00

*"Conditional," as here used, means that only so much as is specifically raised for this purpose will be used to meet this appropriation. The amounts so raised are called "Special Funds."

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
EMERSON HOME AND SCHOOL, OCALA, FLA.			
Salaries	$980 00	$300 00	
Current expenses and repairs		300 00	
Student Aid		400 00	
	$980 00	$1,000 00	
			$1,980 00
ALLEN HOME AND SCHOOL, ASHEVILLE, N. C.			
Salaries	$1,780 00	$140 00	
Fuel, light, and water	400 00	300 00	
Current expenses and repairs	500 00	200 00	
Furnishing	300 00		
Sewerage and street paving	280 00		
Student Aid		600 00	
Debt on building		1,000 00	
	$3,260 00	$2,240 00	
			5,500 00
BROWNING HOME AND SCHOOL, CAMDEN, S. C.			
Salaries	$2,280 00	$520 00	
Janitor	600 00		
Current expenses	300 00	300 00	
Repairs and improvements	700 00		
Plantation work		60 00	
Student Aid		700 00	
Improvements (for dormitory)		800 00	
	$3,880 00	$2,380 00	
			6,260 00
KENT HOME, GREENSBORO, N. C.			
Salaries	$600 00	$320 00	
Current expenses	300 00	140 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$900 00	$960 00	
			1,860 00
NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE HOME, MORRISTOWN, TENN.			
Salaries	$600 00		
Current expenses	200 00	$100 00	
Furnishings	100 00		
Student Aid		450 00	
	$900 00	$550 00	
			1,450 00
E. L. RUST HOME, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.			
Salaries	$850 00	$60 00	
Current expenses		590 00	
Repairs	300 00		
Student Aid		500 00	
New wing		8,000 00	
	$1,150 00	$9,150 00	
			10,300 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
ADELINE SMITH HOME, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.			
Salary	$740 00	$200 00	
Fuel and light	150 00	150 00	
Current expenses		400 00	
Repairs		850 00	
Student Aid		800 00	
	$890 00	$2,400 00	
			$3,290 00
PECK SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.			
Salaries	$1,000 00	$280 00	
Domestic science	290 00		
Current expenses		300 00	
Fuel, light, and water	300 00	200 00	
Student Aid		800 00	
Debt on building		6,000 00	
	$1,590 00	$7,580 00	
			9,170 00
KING HOME, MARSHALL, TEXAS.			
Salaries	$1,280 00		
Current expenses		$400 00	
Repairs		1,000 00	
Roof and painting	1,000 00	700 00	
Student Aid		600 00	
	$2,280 00	$2,700 00	
			4,980 00
ELIZA DEE HOME, AUSTIN, TEXAS.			
Salaries	$800 00	$80 00	
Current expenses		250 00	
Student Aid		250 00	
	$800 00	$580 00	
			1,380 00
Total for Southern Colored Work	$24,770 00	$40,705 00	$65,475 00

Southern Work.—White.

ELIZABETH RITTER HOME, ATHENS, TENN.			
Salaries	$625 00	$585 00	
Current expenses	100 00	175 00	
Improvements		300 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$725 00	$3,060 00	
			$3,785 00
BENNETT HOME, CLARKSON, MISS.			
Salaries	$800 00	$145 00	
Current expenses	200 00	500 00	
Improvements	300 00	200 00	
Student Aid		800 00	
	$1,300 00	$1,645 00	
			2,945 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Bennett Academy, Clarkson, Miss.			
Salaries	$1,800 00	$705 00	
Current expenses		200 00	
Improvements		100 00	
	$1,800 00	$1,005 00	
			$2,805 00
Dickson Hall, Clarkson, Miss.			
Salary	$315 00		
Current expenses		$200 00	
	$315 00	$200 00	
			515 00
Mission Work, New Orleans, La.			
Salary	$600 00	$520 00	
	$600 00	$520 00	
			1,120 00
Rebecca McClesky Home, Boaz, Ala.			
Salaries	$750 00	$950 00	
Current expenses	400 00	100 00	
Furnishing		300 00	
Improvements	250 00	250 00	
Student Aid		3,500 00	
Debt on building		1,000 00	
	$1,400 00	$6,100 00	
			7,500 00
Cedartown, Ga.			
Salary	$480 00	$240 00	
Current expenses		200 00	
Furnishing		500 00	
Student Aid		200 00	
	$480 00	$1,140 00	
			1,620 00
Ebenezer C. Mitchell Home and School, Meisenheimer, N. C.			
Salaries	$500 00	$805 00	
Current expenses	100 00	100 00	
Furnishings		200 00	
Student Aid		1,500 00	
Debt on building		1,500 00	
	$600 00	$4,105 00	
			4,705 00
Olive Hill, Ky.			
Salary	$720 00	$360 00	
Current expenses	200 00	100 00	
Furnishing		2,000 00	
Kindergarten scholarship		300 00	
Student Aid		400 00	
	$920 00	$3,160 00	
			4,080 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
HARLAN, KY.			
Salary	$720 00		
Current expenses		$100 00	
Furnishing		500 00	
Student Aid		100 00	
	$720 00	$700 00	
			$1,420 00
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, N. CAROLINA.			
Salaries	$400 00	$250 00	650 00
HIGHLAND WORK.			
Holston Conference, Tenn.	$300 00	$300 00	600 00
Total Southern white work	$9,560 00	$22,185 00	$31,745 00
Total Southern Work	$34,330 00	$62,890 00	$97,222 00

Utah.

ELSINORE	$790 00	$50 00	
LOGAN	360 00		
MORONI	720 00	120 00	
MT. PLEASANT	360 00		
OGDEN	250 00		
PROVO	360 00		
SPRING CITY	720 00	120 00	
EPHRAIM	240 00	120 00	
SALT LAKE:			
Salaries	600 00		
House expenses	600 00	225 00	
School supplies		150 00	
Incidentals		500 00	
Extra worker (if needed)		360 00	
	$5,000 00	$1,645 00	
			$6,645 00

Spanish-American Work.

HARWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.			
Salaries	$1,850 00	$610 00	
Current expenses	150 00		
Repairs, furnishing, and plumbing		300 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$2,000 00	$2,910 00	
			4,910 00
TUCSON INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL, TUCSON, ARIZONA.			
Salaries	$1,600 00	$560 00	
Current expenses	300 00	200 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
Finishing and furnishing		500 00	
Debt on building		5,000 00	
	$1,900 00	$8,260 00	
			10,160 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
EL PASO, TEXAS.			
Salary	$600 00		
Current expenses	500 00	$300 00	
Furnishings		2,000 00	
	$1,100 00	$2,300 00	
			$3,400 00
FRANCES DEPAUW INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CAL.			
Salaries	$1,660 00	$620 00	
Current expenses	250 00	280 00	
Improvements		1,500 00	
Student Aid		3,000 00	
Debt		910 00	
	$1,910 00	$6,310 00	
			8,220 00
GEO. O. ROBINSON ORPHANAGE, SAN TURCE, PORTO RICO.			
Salary	$2,540 00	$370 00	
Current expenses and farmer	500 00	500 00	
Student Aid		3,600 00	
	$3,040 00	$4,470 00	
			7,510 00
MCKINLEY DAY SCHOOL, SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.			
Salaries	$1,200 00		
Current expenses		$250 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$1,200 00	$750 00	
			1,950 00
FISK DAY SCHOOL, PONCE, P. R.			
Salaries	$360 00		
Current expenses		$150 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
	$360 00	$450 00	
			810 00
PUERTA DE TIERA DAY SCHOOL, P. R.			
Salary	$360 00		
Current expenses		$150 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
	$360 00	$450 00	
			810 00
WILLIAMS, ARECIBO, P. R.			
Salary	$360 00		
Current expenses		$150 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
	$360 00	$450 00	
			810 00
Total for Spanish-American work	$12,230 00	$26,350 00	$38,580 00

Indian Work.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
NAVAJO HOME AND SCHOOL, FARMINGTON, N. M.			
Salaries	$2,000 00	$400 00	
Current expenses	300 00	200 00	
Heating plant		1,500 00	
Furnishing and fire escape		2,000 00	
Horses, wagon, etc		1,000 00	
Student Aid		3,000 00	
	$2,300 00	$8,100 00	
			$10,400 00
PONCA MISSION, PONCA, OKLAHOMA.			
Salary	$600 00		
Current expenses		$125 00	
Repairs	100 00	100 00	
	$700 00	$225 00	
			925 00
POTTAWATOMIE MISSION SCHOOL, MAYETTA, KANSAS.			
Salary	$550 00	$250 00	
Current expenses		125 00	
	$550 00	$375 00	
			925 00
NOOKSACH MISSION, STICKNEY DAY SCHOOL, EVERSON, WASHINGTON.			
Salaries	$800 00	$172 00	
Current expenses		300 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$800 00	$972 00	
			1,772 00
UKIAH	$200 00	$100 00	300 00
GREENVILLE MISSION, GREENVILLE, CALIFORNIA.—Salary	$400 00	$400 00	800 00
YUMA MISSION, YUMA, CALIFORNIA.			
Salaries	$500 00	$500 00	
Current expenses		100 00	
Medical supplies		150 00	
Helper	180 00	100 00	
	$680 00	$850 00	1,530 00
Total for Indian work	$5,630 00	$11,022 00	$16,652 00

Alaska.

JESSE LEE HOME, UNALASKA, ALASKA.			
Salaries	$2,070 00	$590 00	
Current expenses and repairrs	700 00	150 00	
Fuel		600 00	
Hospital		200 00	
Student Aid		2,500 00	
	$2,770 00	$4,040 00	
			$6,810 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
NOME, ALASKA.			
Salaries		$840 00	
Current expenses		360 00	
Rent		240 00	
Fuel		300 00	
			$1,740 00
SINUK MISSION, SINUK, ALASKA.			
Salaries	$1,000 00	$240 00	
Current expenses	200 00	300 00	
Fishing supplies		250 00	
Incidentals		200 00	
Fuel and freight		1,000 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
	$1,200 00	$2,990 00	4,190 00
Total for Alaska	$3,970 00	$8,770 00	$12,740 00

Chinese Work.

ORIENTAL HOME FOR CHINESE GIRLS, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salaries and current expenses	$3,000 00		
Kindergarten		$500 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
Building (debt)	1,500 00	4,000 00	
	$4,500 00	$6,500 00	$11,000 00
LOS ANGELES, CAL.			
Salary	500 00	200 00	700 00
Total for Chinese work	$5,000 00	$6,700 00	$11,700 00

Japanese and Korean Work.

ELLEN STARK FORD HOME, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salaries and current expenses	$2,300 00	$400 00	
Incidentals	300 00		
Student Aid		2,500 00	
Debt on building		2,000 00	
	$2,600 00	$4,900 00	$7,500 00
JANE COUCH MEMORIAL HOME, LOS ANGELES, CAL.			
Salaries and Current expenses	$600 00		600 00
SUSANNAH WESLEY HOME AND SCHOOL, HONOLULU, HAWAII.			
Salaries and current expenses	$1,400 00	$400 00	
Student Aid		1,800 00	
	$1,400 00	$2,200 00	3,600 00
CATHERINE BLAINE HOME, SEATTLE, WASH.			
Salary and current expenses	$900 00	$1,000 00	1,900 00
Total for Japanese and Korean work	$5,500 00	$8,100 00	$13,600 00

Immigrant Work—Atlantic Ports.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total
NEW YORK CITY.			
Salaries	$864 00	$96 00	
Current expenses		750 00	
Domestic		230 00	
Rent	2,500 00		
	$3,364 00	$1,076 00	
			$4,440 00
EAST BOSTON.			
Salaries	$1,236 00		
Current expenses	364 00	$270 00	
Rent	400 00		
Building	1,700 00	5,000 00	
	$3,700 00	$5,270 00	
			8,970 00
PHILADELPHIA	$250 00	$150 00	400 00
ANGEL ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salary	$300 00		300 00
Total for Immigrant work, Atlantic Ports	$7,614 00	$6,496 00	$9,110 00

Children's Homes.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME AND SCHOOL, YORK, NEB.			
Salaries	$2,516 00	$300 00	
Current expenses and improvements	1,550 00	1,500 00	
Student Aid		3,500 00	
	$4,066 00	$5,300 00	
			$9,366 00
WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME AND SCHOOL, TIVOLI, N. Y.			
Salaries	$2,000 00	$500 00	
Farmer	750 00		
Current expenses and fuel	700 00	1,800 00	
Building and furnishing		1,000 00	
Student Aid		2,200 00	
	$3,450 00	$5,500 00	
			8,950 00
ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY HOME, HULTON, PA.; P. O., OAKMONT, PA.			
Salary and current expenses	$2,000 00	$5,000 00	
	$2,000 00	$5,000 00	
			7,000 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME, URBANA, ILL.			
Salary	$850 00	$850 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$850 00	$2,850 00	
			$3,700 00
Addition to building (conditional), $6,000.			
DAVID AND MARGARET HOME, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE WORK.			
Current expenses		$1,500 00	1,500 00
Total for Children's Homes	$10,366 00	$20,150 00	$30,516 00

National Training Schools for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.			
Salaries	$3,740 00	$500 00	
Current expenses	8,260 00	2,500 00	
Student Aid		5,000 00	
	$12,000 00	$8,000 00	
			$20,000 00
KANSAS CITY TRAINING SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, MO.			
Salary and current expenses	$4,000 00	$2,500 00	
Rent	1,000 00		
Student Aid		2,500 00	
	$5,000 00	$5,000 00	
			10,000 00
BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salary	$2,000 00		
Current expenses	2,000 00	$2,400 00	
Student Aid		1,800 00	
	$4,000 00	$4,200 00	
			8,200 00
MCCRUM SLAVONIC TRAINING SCHOOL, UNIONTOWN, PA.			
Salaries	$600 00	$500 00	
Current expenses		550 00	
School supplies		100 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
	$600 00	$2,150 00	
			2,750 00
COLORED TRAINING SCHOOL		$2,000 00	2,000 00
Total for Training Schools	$21,600 00	$21,350 00	$42,950 00

Hospitals.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Harwood, Albuquerque, N. M.		$300 00	
Ellen A. Burge Hospital, Springfield, Mo.		5,000 00	
Colorado Springs Sanitarium		12,000 00	
Beth-El Hospital, Colorado Springs, Col.		.....	
Graham Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa		5,000 00	
Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana		10,000 00	
Emergency Fund	$500 00		
Total for Hospitals	$500 00	$32,300 00	$32,800 00

Deaconess Work.

Aldrich Memorial, Grand Rapids, Mich.	$4,000 00	
Altoona, Kansas	700 00	
Amee Home for Working Women, Gardiner, Me.	8,500 00	
Barre, Vt.	2,000 00	
Bidwell Home and Iowa Training School, Des Moines, Ia.	5,000 00	
Brooklyn, N. Y.	6,000 00	
Central Pennsylvania—Anthracite Mission, Hazelton, Pa.	1,500 00	
Cleveland, O.	7,000 00	
Denver, Colo—Margaret Evans	4,000 00	
Detroit, Mich.	4,500 00	
Duluth, Minn.	2,000 00	
Genesee Conference, Buffalo, N. Y.	9,000 00	
Griffin, Albany, N. Y.	3,000 00	
Holloway, Bridgeport, O.	3,000 00	
Indianapolis, Station	1,000 00	
Irene Maitland, New Castle, Pa.	1,000 00	
Jersey City, N. J.	2,800 00	
Lexington, Ky.	300 00	
Martinsburgh, W. Va.	1,500 00	
McKelvey, Columbus, O.	3,500 00	
Maine.	2,500 00	
Minnesota Conference	4,500 00	
Newark, N. J.	2,500 00	
New Haven, Conn.—Dwight Blakeslee.	2,000 00	
Philadelphia, Pa.	13,500 00	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5,500 00	
Shesler Deaconess Home, Sioux City, Ia.	10,000 00	
Southern California Conference	5,000 00	
Southwest Kansas Conference	2,500 00	
Stone Settlement	1,500 00	
Washington Deaconess Home	2,500 00	
Wilmington	3,500 00	
Anthracite Mission	1,500 00	
Deaconess Stations	12,500 00	
		$139,800 00

Rest Homes.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Kate Cunningham—Ridgeway, Pa..		$500 00	
Bancroft Rest Home, Ocean Grove, N. J.....	$720 00	1,000 00	
Special to Ocean Grove.....	240 00		
Elvira Olney, Ludington, Mich.....		300 00	
Thompson Rest, Mt. Lake Park, Md.	50 00	900 00	
Wing Rest, Huntington Park, Cal....		300 00	
Beulah Rest Home, San Francisco, Cal.	200 00	500 00	
	$1,210 00	$3,500 00	
			$4,710 00

City Missions.

Elizabeth E. Marcy Home, Chicago, Ill.			
Salaries.....	$3,800 00	$800 00	
Current expenses.....		1,500 00	
Fuel and light.....		600 00	
Boys' club.....		200 00	
Dispensary and hospital.....		725 00	
Jewish work.....		300 00	
Special hospital.....	2,000 00		
	$5,800 00	$4,125 00	
			9,925 00
Chicago Mission Work.			
West Side.....		$360 00	
South Chicago.....		480 00	
Spring Valley.....		650 00	
Italian Work.....		1,460 00	
Lincoln Street.....		450 00	
"Hobb's House, Girls' Club,".....		1,500 00	
Joliet, Ill.....		400 00	
New Work.....		500 00	
		$5,800 00	
			5,800 00
Glenn Home, Cincinnati, O.			
Salary and current expenses.....	$750 00	$3,000 00	3,750 00
Hull Street Settlement and Medical Mission, Boston, Mass.	$1,200 00	$3,800 00	5,000 00
East St. Louis Slavonic Mission..		$300 00	300 00
Portland, Oregon.....	$2,000 00	$3,000 00	
Paid on option.....	125 00		
	$2,125 00	$3,000 00	
			5,125 00
Methodist Episcopal Home for Girls, St. Louis, Mo.....		$1,000 00	1,000 00
East St. Louis (Central Missouri Conference).....	100 00		100 00
Russian Work, Cleveland, O.....	100 00		100 00
Total City Missions.....	$10,075 00	$21,025 00	$31,100 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
ITALIAN WORK.			
Altoona, Pa		$150 00	
Astoria, L. I		100 00	
Kingston, Pa., Wyoming Conf		100 00	
Middletown, Conn		100 00	
New Haven, Conn		150 00	
New London, Conn		100 00	
Portland, Me		100 00	
Providence, R. I		200 00	
Rochester, N. Y		500 00	
Syracuse, N. Y.—Central New York Conference		350 00	
Tacoma, Wash	$500 00	1,000 00	
Utica, N. Y	500 00	1,000 00	
Youngstown, O		500 00	
Des Moines, Ia	500 00		
	$1,500 00	$4,350 00	
			$5,850 00

Conference Work.

Harrisburg, Pa		$600 00	
Central Pennsylvania—Mt. Carmel		366 00	
North-East Ohio		150 00	
North-East Ohio, Coshocton		500 00	
Erie, New Castle, Pa		100 00	
Idaho		500 00	
Indiana, Indianapolis		1,800 00	
Indiana		500 00	
North Indiana		1,000 00	
Northwest Indiana		500 00	
Michigan		400 00	
Northern Minnesota		450 00	
Oklahoma		350 00	
Pittsburgh (Salaries for Coke Region)		1,000 00	
Upper Iowa		500 00	
West Wisconsin (Indian)		400 00	
West Wisconsin, Ashland District	$350 00		
Wisconsin, Indian		300 00	
West Virginia, Benwood		480 00	
Wyoming, Rock Springs	350 00	50 00	
Total for Conference Work	$700 00	$9,946 00	
			$10,646 00

Temperance Work	$500 00		500 00
Missionaries' travel	3,500 00		
Printing	3,500 00		
Field workers	6,000 00		
Editor and Publisher	2,750 00		
Secretaries	4,000 00		
Board of Managers' meeting	2,000 00		
	$21,750 00		
			21,750 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND TAXES.			
Interest on Annuities, Endowments, and Notes	$9,500 00		
Insurance and Taxes	2,500 00		
	$12,000 00		
ADMINISTRATION.			$12,000 00
Attorney fees	$600 00		
Office expenses	6,000 00		
Incidentals	2,500 00		
	$9,100 00		9,100 00
Total General Expenses	$42,850 00		42,850 00
GRAND TOTALS	$166,575 00	$382,894 00	$549,469 00

Approved Building Fund.

Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga	$30,000 00
Eliza Dee, Austin, Texas	10,000 00
Mathiston, Miss	30,000 00
Cedartown, Ga	5,000 00
Harlan, Ky	10,000 00
El Paso, Texas	8,000 00
Geo. O. Robinson, San Turce, P. R.	8,000 00
Navajo, Farmington, N. M	4,000 00
Nome, Alaska	3,000 00
Catherine Blaine, Seattle, Wash	4,000 00
Mothers' Jewels, York, Neb	20,000 00
Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, Washington, D. C	120,000 00
Kansas City Training School	75,000 00
Colored Training School	2,000 00
Utica, N. Y	10,000 00
Portland, Ore	10,000 00
Harwood Hospital, Albuquerque, N. M.	5,000 00
Los Angeles Hospital, Cal	10,000 00
Hazelton, Pa., Anthracite Mission	4,000 00

MRS. DELIA LATHROP WILLIAMS

Additional Appropriations Made by the Board of Managers, October 19th to 26th.

	Conditional.	Unconditional.
Thayer Home	$300 00	$175 00
Ellen Stark Ford	300 00	
New York Immigrant	500 00	
McCrum Slavonic Training	5,000 00	
Nome, Alaska	3,000 00	
Angel Island	100 00	
Albuquerque Hospital	3,000 00	
Rapid City Hospital	5,000 00	
Central New York, Italian work	400 00	
Northwest Indiana, work at Carey ,Ind.	500 00	
East Ohio, Slavonic work at Cambridge	150 00	
Southwest Kansas, for work at Pittsburgh, Kan.	300 00	
Nebraska Conference, for work among Bohemians	500 00	
Iowa Conference, additional for Italian work	100 00	

NOTE.—E. L. Rust, add $130 unconditional, making Grand Total Unconditional $166,705.00.

PLEDGES.

General Fund: Alabama, $70; Baltimore, $3,000; Central Illinois, $1,900; Central New York, $3,000; Central Ohio, $3,600; Central Pennsylvania, $2,500; Cincinnati, $3,500; Columbia River, $900; Des Moines, $2,900; Detroit, $2,300; East Ohio, $3,500; Erie, $3,500; Genesee, $3,000; Illinois, $2,800; Indiana, $3,000; Iowa, $2,000; Kentucky, $255; Lexington, $722; Maine, $800; Michigan, $2,500; Minnesota, $500; Newark, $2,600; New England, $2,000; New England Southern, $1,350; New Mexico (English), $101; New York, $1,600; New York East, $2,400; North Indiana, $2,900; North Ohio, $2,200; Northern Minnesota, $600; Northern New York, $3,000; Northwest Indiana, $2,200; Northwest Kansas, $600; Ohio, $2,615; Philadelphia, $2,000; Pittsburgh, $4,000; Puget Sound, $1,200; Rock River, $4,562; South Kansas, $1,000; Southern California, $3,200; Southwest Kansas, $1,900; Troy, $2,500; Upper Iowa, $3,000; Vermont, $800; Washington, $451; West Texas, $100; West Virginia, $600; Wilmington, $1,000; Wisconsin, $755; Wyoming, $2,000; North Dakota, $300.

Bonds: Detroit, $500; East Ohio, $500; Michigan, $100; New England, $100; New York East, $200; North Indiana, $200; North Ohio, $300; Northern Minnesota, $300; Northwest Indiana, $200; Northwest Iowa, $200; Ohio, $200; Porto Rico Mission, $500; Rock River, $500; Southern California, $800; Southwest Kansas, $100; Utah Mission, $100; West Texas, $25.

Thayer Home.—*Salary:* North Indiana, $320. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $15; Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $90; East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $5; Iowa, $50; Maine, $25; Minnesota, $20; New England, $110; New England Southern, $100; New York East, $90; North Indiana, $90; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburgh, $30; Rock River, $60; South Kansas, $10; Washington, $50; Wisconsin, $75; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Columbia River, $25; Philadelphia, $5; Vermont, $30; Washington, $60; Wisconsin, $50. *Building:* Central Illinois, $200; Central Ohio, $100; Cincinnati, $20; East Ohio, $100; Minnesota, $100; Newark, $100; New England Southern, $100; North Ohio, $30; Northern Minnesota, $500; Oregon, $5; Washington, $10. *Kindergarten:* Central New York, $75; Colorado, $15; New York, $15; New York East, $10. *Mrs. Rush's Kindergarten:* Northwest Iowa, $5; California, $5; West Wisconsin, Young People, $10; New York East, Young People, $5; Rock River, $10; Nebraska, Personal, $5; Philadelphia, $10; Wilmington, $5; Northern New York, $5; Miss Roraback, $5; East Ohio, $5; Mrs. Bernheim, $5; Washington, $10; Wyoming, $10; North Indiana, $10; Friend (German), $10; Newark, $10; Northern Minnesota, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Upper Iowa, $10; Puget Sound, $5; Michigan, $25; Southern California, $15; New York, $5; New Jersey, Personal, $5; Olive Hill, Home Guards, $5; Wisconsin, $5.

Haven Home and School, Speedwell.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $25; Erie, for Miss Baldwin, $300; Iowa, $10; New York East, $10. *Current Expenses:* Newark, $10; Philadelphia, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $50; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $10; Minnesota, $10; New England, $50; New York, $10; North Dakota,

$40; North Indiana, $25; North Ohio, $50; Northern Minnesota, $45; Northern New York, $20; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $25; Oregon, $15; Philadelphia, $100; Pittsburgh, $10; West Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* North Nebraska, $5. *Building:* Central New York, $25; Cincinnati, $40; New Jersey, $15; North Indiana, $25; Northwest Indiana, $25; Philadelphia, $250 for chapel, $100 to name room, $83 for Building Fund; Puget Sound, $10; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $25; Washington, $10; Wilmington, $10; Wyoming, $50. *Repairs:* Pittsburgh, $10.

Atlanta Mission.—Baltimore, $10; California, $5; East Ohio, $5; Michigan, $25; North Indiana, $10; Newark, $10; New York, $5; North Nebraska, $10; Northern New York, $5; New Jersey, Young People, $5; Northwest Iowa, $5; New York East, Young People, $5; Northern Minnesota, $10; Nebraska, Personal, $5; Philadelphia, $10; Puget Sound, $5; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $15; Upper Iowa, $10; West Wisconsin, Young People, $10; Wilmington, $5; Wisconsin, $5; Wyoming, $10; Miss Guernsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $10; Mrs. Onstott, Personal, $5.

Boylan Home.—*Salary:* Lincoln, $10; North Indiana, Sewing Teacher, $320; Oklahoma, $10. *Current Expenses:* California, $10; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, for rent, $25; Erie, $25; Indiana, $25; Nebraska, $25; Northern New York, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Illinois, $125; Indiana, $20; Michigan, $50; Newark, $50; New Hampshire, $90; New York, $10; North Indiana, $50; North Ohio, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $25; Oregon, $15; Pittsburgh, $25; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $60; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Columbia River, $10; New England Southern, $5; New York East, $10; Upper Iowa, $40. *Building:* Rock River, $20 for range; Central Ohio, $10; East Ohio, $10.60; Erie, $10; Michigan, $10; North Indiana, $62.50; North Nebraska, $5; Northwest Indiana, $25; Pittsburgh, $10; Southwest Kansas, $10.

Brewster Hospital.—California, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $25; Erie, $10; Genesee, $10; Michigan, $25; Newark, $10; New England, $10; New Jersey, $5; New York, $10; New York East, $5—$10; North Dakota, $5; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $10; Upper Iowa, $60; Ohio, $30; Oregon, $5; West Texas, $5; Wyoming, $10; North Indiana, $50.

Emerson Home and School.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $25; East Ohio, $150—$50; Pittsburgh, $10; South Kansas, $15; Wisconsin, for Domestic Science, $10. *Current Expenses:* Central Ohio, $10; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $10; New England Southern, $10; New York East, $10—$10; Washington, $10. *Student Aid:* Cincinnati, $5; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $50; Michigan, $25; Nebraska, $50; North Indiana, $90; Ohio, $25; South Kansas, $10—$10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, for fence, $10; Northwest Iowa, $10.

Allan Home.—*Salary:* Indiana, for Miss Dole, $85; Pittsburgh, $10. *Current Expenses:* Central New York, $25; Columbia River, $5; Michigan, $15; New Jersey, Young People, $5; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $25; Wyoming, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $80; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $10; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $35; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $25; New England Southern, $50; Northwest Indiana, $50; Southern California, $10; Wyoming, 50. *Special:* Philadelphia, $1. *Building:* Rock River, $10.

Browning Home.—*Salary:* Detroit, Miss Russell, $320; East Ohio, $250. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $5; Indiana, $20; Michigan, $20; New England Southern, for Plantation Work, $25; North Dakota,

$20; Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, $5; Central New York, $50; Columbia River, $5; Detroit, $47.50; East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $10; New England, $20; New England Southern, $100; New York, $5; Northern Minnesota, $50; Southwest Kansas, $15; Wisconsin, $5. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; New England, for furnishings, $100; New York East, $10. *Building:* Cincinnati, Mrs. I. D. Jones, to name room, $100; Des Moines, $100; Ohio, $100; Rock River, $50; South Kansas, $10; Wisconsin, $10; Detroit, fence, $100; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $25; East Ohio, $25; Michigan, $5. *Furnishings:* Central New York, $50; New England, $10; Mrs. F. A. Aiken, for gate, $5.

Kent Home.—*Salary:* Detroit, for Miss Rose T. Robertson, $320. *Current Expenses:* Illinois, $10; Northern Indiana, $25; St. Louis, $15. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $415; East Ohio, $50; New York, $45; New York East, $25; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Pittsburgh, $20; Rock River, $50; Vermont, $50; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Genesee, $10.

New Jersey Home.—*Student Aid:* Columbia River, $5; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $105; New Jersey, $50; New York, $20; New York East, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10. *Special:* New York, $10.

E. L. Rust Home.—*Salary:* South Kansas, $15; Chicago German, $5. *Current Expenses:* Illinois, $25; Iowa, $10; Lexington, $5; New York East, $10; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Iowa, $5; Ohio, $15; St. Louis, $10. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $25; Detroit, $80; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $25; Indiana, $20; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $25; New York, $20; North Indiana, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Rock River, $25; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $30; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Cincinnati, $110; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $25; Genesee, $15; Michigan, $25; New England, $25; Northwest Indiana, Young People, $25; Oklahoma, $10; Upper Iowa, $100. *Building:* Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $100; Central Ohio, to name Hall, $200; Des Moines, $25—$25; Detroit, $25; East Ohio, $100; Kentucky, $25; Lexington, $10—$25; Lincoln, to name window, $10; Michigan, $50; Nebraska, $100; New England Southern, $75; North Indiana, $110; North Nebraska, $10; North Ohio, $200; Northwest Indiana, $100; Southwest Kansas, $50; Upper Mississippi, $100; for Prof. E. H. McKisiac, $100; Prof. J. P. Williams, $25; Washington, to name window, $10; Wyoming, $100; to name room for Mrs. F. A. Aiken, California, $10; Central Illinois, Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, $5; Central New York, $10; Cincinnati, $25; Mrs. G. H. Thompson, $5; Colorado, $5; Detroit, $10; Erie, $20; Genesee, Mrs. D. Smith, $10; Mrs. D. A. Minard, $5; Illinois, $5; Indiana, $7; Iowa, $5; Nebraska, $10; New Jersey, $10; New York East, $15; Northern New York, $10; Ohio, $10; Philadelphia, $25; Rock River, $10; Mrs. E. L. Albright, $5; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $25; Southern Illinois, $5; West Wisconsin, $5; Wisconsin, Mrs. J. Taylor, $5; McCrum T. R. School, $5; to name room for Mrs. D. Dailey, Jr., Baltimore, $25; California, $5; Central New York, $10; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Columbia River, $10; Detroit, $10; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $10; Indiana, $5; Iowa, $5; Minnesota, $10; New England Southern, $10; New Jersey, $5; Personal, $25; New York East, $10; Philadelphia, $100; St. Louis, $5; to name window, Lexington, $10; for Miss Becker's room, North Ohio, $50.

Adeline Smith Home.—*Salary:* Oregon, $5. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Genesee, $5; Lexington, $50; Little Rock, $50; Northern New York, $50; Philadelphia, $10; West Wisconsin, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $97.50; East Ohio, $100; Genesee, $25; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $100; Lexington, for Sarah Crawford, $350; Michigan, $75; New York East, $50; Northern Minne-

sota, $25; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Kansas, $25; Ohio, $30; Pittsburgh, $15; Rock River, $150; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $125; Wisconsin, $30. *Special:* Detroit, $10; Lexington, $50. *Building and Repairs:* Cincinnati, $10; Nebraska, $25; North Nebraska, $10; Northwest Iowa, $50; Wyoming, $50; Little Rock, for kitchen, $225; Erie, bath room, $10; Genesee, $15; Mrs. D. Smith, $10; Oklahoma, $10; St. Louis, $25; South Kansas, $5.

Peck School.—*Salary:* Lexington, $5. *Current Expenses:* California, $10; Iowa, $25; Lexington, $10; Lincoln, $5; Michigan, $10; Ohio, $20; Oklahoma, $5. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $50; Detroit, $12.50; Nebraska, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Southwest Kansas, $100; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $50. *Special:* Genesee, $25; Lexington, $25. *Building:* Central New York, $500; Central Ohio, $50 for Hartzell Hall; Cincinnati, $50; for Hartzell Hall, Columbia River, $10; Illinois, $25; Kansas, $150; New York, $5; New York East, $10; Northern Indiana, $100; Northwest Indiana, $125; Rock River, $25; Upper Iowa, $100; Washington, $25; Wyoming, $25. *Screens:* California, $1; Colorado, Mrs. Cotton Mather, $1; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $10; Genesee, Mrs. D. L. Minard, $1; Michigan, $5; Minnesota, $3; Newark, Mrs. Woodruff, $1; Mrs. Anna Kent, $5; St. Louis, Mrs. Spencer, $1; Southern California, Mrs. Holbrook, $1; Miss Alice M. Gurnsey, $1.

King Home.—*Salary:* East Ohio, $150; Ohio, $25. *Current Expenses:* Central Ohio, $25; East Ohio, $100; Iowa, $15; Lincoln, $10; North Indiana, $25; Northern New York, $25; Ohio, $50. *Student Aid:* Arkansas, $5; Central Ohio. $50; Des Moines, $30; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $90; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $25—$10; Iowa, $75; Michigan, $50; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $40; North Indiana, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $50; Cincinnati, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, $5; Columbia River, $10; Des Moines, for painting and repairs, $30; Detroit, for repairs, $25—$5; Erie, $100; Mrs. L. G. Murphy, $5; Missouri, $5; New Jersey, Young People, $5; New York, $5; New York East, $10—$20; North Indiana, $25; North Ohio, $25; Northwest Indiana, $50; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $5. *Building:* Genesee, $20; Michigan, $5; Minnesota, $10; Northwest Iowa, $50; Oklahoma, $15; Rock River, $15; Mrs. E. L. Albright, $5; South Kansas, $5—$10; Southwest Kansas, $25; North Dakota, to name room, $100.

Eliza Dee Home.—*Salary:* Lexington, $10; West Texas, $50. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $100; Iowa, $25; Minnesota, $10; Northern New York, $10; South Kansas, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $10; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $50; Iowa, $50; Newark, $40; North Dakota, $25; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $50; Washington, $40; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Detroit, $10; New York, $5; New York East, $10; Wilmington, $10. *Building:* California, $10; Central New York, $100; Central Ohio, $100; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Cincinnati, $25; Des Moines, $40; Detroit, $25—$5; Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $25; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $100; Genesee, $200; Illinois, $25; Iowa, $25; Lexington, $50; Minnesota, $50; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $25; Mrs. Woodruff, $5; New England, $10; New Jersey, Young People, $10; New York East, $10; North Dakota, $20; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $5; Northern Minnesota, $10; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Iowa, $10; Personal, $10; Ohio, for naming room, $200; window, $25; Williams Hall, $75; Philadelphia, $10; Puget Sound, $10; Rock River, $25—$10; St. Louis, $5; Southern California, Williams Hall, $200; Texas, Miss King, Memorial room, $200; Washington, $25; West Texas, $183.25—$10 for window; West Wisconsin, $30; Wisconsin, $25.

Elizabeth Ritter Home.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $300; Northern Minnesota, $265; Northwest Indiana, $25; South Kansas, $5. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $50; Genesee, $5; Indiana, $5. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Illinois, $50; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $30; Columbia River, $10; Dakota, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $255; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $10—$60—$100; Genesee, $25; Illinois, $110; Indiana, $152; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $50; Newark, $40; New England, $25; New England Southern, $50; New York, $25; New York East, $35; North Dakota, $40; Northern Indiana, $15; North Ohio, $50—$50; Northern Minnesota, $30; Northern New York, $200; New Jersey, $50; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $50; Oregon, $10; Philadelphia, $35; Pittsburgh, $20; Rock River, $25; St. Louis, $40; South Kansas, $90; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Vermont, $50; Wilmington, $50; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Erie, $5; Pittsburgh, $50; Minnesota, Domestic Science, $40; Upper Iowa, $25.

Bennett Home.—*Salary:* Dakota, $20. *Current Expenses:* Kansas, $5; New York East, $25; North Dakota, $25; Rock River, $20; Utah Mission, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; Colorado, $50; Detroit, $50; Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $25; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $70—$50; Illinois, $40; Indiana, $70; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $50; Newark, $50; North Dakota, $25—$12; North Indiana, $90; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Jackson, $40; St. Louis, $50; South Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $150. *Special:* Michigan, $20; Chicago German, Personal, $10. *Building:* Baltimore, $50; Central Illinois, $100 for Dixon Hall, $100 for Bennett; Central New York, $100; Central Ohio, $250; Cincinnati, $300—$50; Columbia River, $30—$20; Des Moines, $150; Detroit, $500—$250; East Ohio, $250; Erie, $100; Genesee, $25—$25; Indiana, $35; Maine, $5; Michigan, $100; Minnesota, $10; Missouri, $10; Nebraska, $25; Newark, Miss Alice Gurnsey, $10; New Jersey, Young People, $10; North Indiana, $100; North Nebraska, $25; North Ohio, $200; Northwest Indiana, $150; Ohio, $100; Rock River, $30; St. Louis, $10; Southern Illinois, $50; Southwest Kansas, Dixon Hall, $100; Upper Iowa, $100; Wisconsin, $15; Baltimore, for Bennett Home Community Work, $200.

Bennett Academy.—*Salary:* Detroit, Frances V. Russell, $300; Pittsburgh, $10. *Student Aid:* New York, $10; Northern Minnesota, $25. *Building:* New England Southern, $100.

Mission Work, New Orleans.—*Current Expenses:* Kansas, $111; Lincoln, $10; Michigan, $10; Northwest Indiana, $50. *Building Fund:* Detroit, $50.

Rebecca McCleskey Home.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $500; East Ohio, $300; Pittsburgh, $10; South Kansas, $10. *Current Expenses:* Kansas, $50; Southern Illinois, $10. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $10; Arkansas, $50; Baltimore, $100; California, $50—$100; Central Illinois, $200; Central New York, $25—$100; Central Ohio, $50—$50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $150; Columbia River, $10; Des Moines, $200; Detroit, $370; East Ohio, $200; Erie, $125—$25—$50; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $25; Kansas, $50; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $25; Nebraska, $50; New England, $50; New Hampshire, $25; New York, $50; New York East, $100; North Dakota, $50; North Indiana, $240; North Ohio, $50; Northern Minnesota, $60; Northern New York, $200; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $50; Pittsburgh, $50; Puget Sound, $25; Rock River, $150; St. Louis, $20; South Kansas, $50; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Vermont, $50; Wilmington, $50; Wisconsin, $50. *Special:* Alabama, $15; Baltimore, $50; Dakota, $15; East Ohio, $25; Genesee,

$10; Illinois, $175. *Ground:* Detroit, $10; Indiana, $25. *Building:* Minnesota, $50; North Nebraska, $5—$5.

Cedartown.—*Salary:* Iowa, $50; Northwest Indiana, $120; Upper Iowa, $50. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $50; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $5; New York East, $5; North Indiana, $20; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Indiana, $150. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $15; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $15; Erie, $15; Minnesota, $10; Northern Minnesota, $25; Northwest Indiana, $30; Wyoming, $30. *Special:* Alabama, $60; Central New York, $25; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, for chairs, $20; New York East, $73.50—$10; Northern Minnesota, $75; Oklahoma, $10; Pittsburgh, $10. *Building:* Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $25; Columbia River, $10; Detroit, Miss H. Bancroft, $10; East Ohio, $150; Erie, $25; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $25; Newark, $50; New York, $50; North Indiana, $150; North Nebraska, $10; Northwest Indiana, $100; Puget Sound, $10; Rock River, $25—$10; Colorado, Mrs. Cotton Mather, for bed, $10.

Ebenezer C. Mitchell Home.—*Salary:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; Dakota, $15; North Indiana, $25; North Dakota, $50; Southern California, $15. *Current Expenses:* South Kansas, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $40—$25; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $175; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $15; Columbia River, Young People, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $190; East Ohio, $200; Erie, $175—$70; Genesee, $50; Illinois, $170; Indiana, $100—$10; Iowa, $60; Maine, $5; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $50—$50; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $50; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $50; New York East, $85; North Dakota, Mrs. Hetdel, $50; North Indiana, $70; North Nebraska, $100; North Ohio, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Kansas, $10—$40; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $80; Pittsburgh, $20; Puget Sound, $10; St. Louis, $100; Upper Iowa, $100; West Wisconsin, $5; Wisconsin, $25; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Central New York, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $20; Detroit, $10; Genesee, $15. *Building:* Central Illinois, $50; Cincinnati, $175; East Ohio, $25; Newark, $10; Mrs. M. L. Woodruff, $5; New York, $20—$50; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $10; Wilmington, $10; Alabama, Incubator and Printing Press, $10; Cincinnati, $190.

Olive Hill.—*Salary:* California, $10; Detroit, $25; Kansas, $56; Puget Sound, $5; Southwest Kansas, $25. *Current Expenses:* Columbia River, $5; Illinois, $10; Kentucky, $95. *Kindergarten:* Baltimore, $15; Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $15; Cincinnati, $20; Genesee, $30; Minnesota, $5; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $25; New England, $15; New England Southern, $30; North Dakota, $50; Northern Nebraska, $10; Northern New York, $15; Ohio, $15; Oklahoma, $15; Rock River, $50; South Kansas, $50; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $10; Vermont, $15; West Wisconsin, $15. *Special:* Cincinnati, $20; Des Moines, $25. *Building:* Alabama, $5; Central New York, for window, $10; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, for window, $10; East Ohio, $100; Indiana, $15; Michigan, $100; Nebraska, $25; Rock River, $25; South Kansas, $50; West Virginia, $5.

Harlan.—*Salary:* Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* Kentucky, $125. *Kindergarten:* Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $15; Cincinnati, $15; Detroit, $25; Erie, $15; Genesee, $25; Michigan, $30—$15; Minnesota, $10; Missouri, $25; Nebraska, $15; Newark, $25; New England Southern, $25; New Jersey, $15; Northern Minnesota, $15—$25; Northern New York, $100; Ohio, $15; Philadelphia, $19; Pittsburgh, $30; St. Louis, $10. *Special:* Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $25; Michigan, $10; Puget Sound, $10. *Building:* Alabama, $5; Columbia River, $5; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $2,000, for door, $15; Indiana, Auxiliary, $45; Queen Esther

Circle, $25; Michigan, $5; Nebraska, $15; New Jersey, for door, $25; Northern Minnesota, for window, $10; Northwest Indiana, window, $10; Rock River, $25; Southern Illinois, $10; West Virginia, $25.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.—*Salary:* Central New York, $5; Central Ohio, $50; Michigan, $10; New Jersey, $15; Pittsburgh, $25; Wilmington, $25. *Student Aid;* Central Illinois, $10—$5; New York, $10; Rock River, $10. *Current Expenses:* Northern New York, $25. *Special:* Ohio, $10.

HIGHLAND WORK.—Michigan, $10; New York East, $45; New York, $10; Ohio, $10; Southwest Kansas, $200.

UTAH.—*Salary:* Central Pennsylvania, $25; Cincinnati, $30; Colorado, $50; Des Moines, $50; Erie, $25; Genesee, $10; Illinois, $30; Indiana, $5; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $5; New York, $10; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $5; North Ohio, $10; Oklahoma, $10; Pittsburgh, $10 for Spring City, $15 for Moroni; Southwest Kansas, $30; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* Arkansas, $10; California, $10; Columbia River, $20; East Ohio, $100; Indiana, $5; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $30; Missouri, $10; Newark, $25; New England Southern, $10; New Jersey, $10; North Indiana, $20; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio. $25; Oregon, $25; Pittsburgh, $5; Puget Sound, $10; St. Louis, $30—$10; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $10; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Arkansas, Young People, $5; California, $5; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $50; Central Ohio, $50—$10; Columbia River, $5; Detroit, $10; Erie, $10; Genesee, $15; New England, $5; Iowa, $10; New York, $10, Young People, $5; New York East, $55; Northern Minnesota, $75; Philadelphia, $5; Rock River, $50; Upper Iowa, $50; Wisconsin, $5.

HARWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $100; Colorado, $10; Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, 15; Illinois, $15. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $40; Delaware, $60; East Ohio, $70; Erie, $120; Indiana, $70; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $100; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $210; New England, $35; New Jersey, $170; New Mexico, $60; New York East, $120; North Dakota, $40; North Indiana, $90; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $280; Northern New York, $70; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $30; Philadelphia, $67; St. Louis, $40; South Kansas, $85; Southwest Kansas, $100; Troy, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $5; Wyoming, $35. *Special:* New Mexico, English, $7.10; New York, $40. *Building:* Rock River, $25.

TUCSON INDUSTRIAL HOME.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $15; East Ohio, $300; Minnesota, $5; North Indiana, $10; Puget Sound, $10; Upper Iowa, $50. *Current Expenses:* Illinois, $10; Pittsburgh, $10; South Kansas, $15; Southern Illinois, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $100; East Ohio, $70; Erie, $70; Indiana, $35; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $80; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $100; New England Southern, $15; New Jersey, $120; New York East, $60; North Ohio, $35; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $70; Northwest Kansas, $10; Rock River, $15; Southern California, $70; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $70; Wyoming, $35. *Special:* New York, $25; Philadelphia, $10. *Building:* Newark, $100; Ohio, to name Hall, $150; Oregon, $50; Wisconsin, $15; California, to name room, $100.

EL PASO, TEXAS.—*Salary:* Lincoln, $10. *Current Expenses:* California, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Erie, $25; Illinois, $25; Kansas, $10; Lincoln, $10; Missouri, Personal, $10; Northern New York, $10; Ohio, $10; Puget Sound, $25. *Student Aid:* Southern Illinois, $15; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; Cincinnati, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, $10; Newark, $100; New York East, $25—$10; North Indiana, $25; Phila-

delphia, $15. *Building:* Alabama, $10; Baltimore, $25; Central New York, $25—$10; Des Moines, $250; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $50; Genesee, $5; Little Rock, Young People, $5; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $25; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $25; Northwest Indiana, $100; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, to name room, $300; Troy, $25. *Furnishings:* Nebraska, $200. For Mrs. Kent's work, New York, $500.

Frances DePauw Industrial Home.—*Salary:* Erie, $25; Michigan, $360; South Kansas, $5. *Current Expenses:* California, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Indiana, $10; Iowa, $5; Kansas, $5; North Nebraska, $25; Philadelphia, $5. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $60; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $60; East Ohio, $60; Erie, $70; Indiana, $50; Iowa, $70; Michigan, $15; Nebraska, $70; New York, $15; North Indiana, $30; North Ohio, $15; Ohio, $25; Pittsburgh, $10; Southern California, $1.600; Southern Illinois, $20; Upper Iowa, $60; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $10; Columbia River, $25; North Indiana, $25. *Building:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $100; Colorado, $15; East Ohio, $15; Newark, $15; New York, $10; New York East, $10; Upper Iowa, $10.

Geo. O. Robinson Orphanage.—*Salary:* California, $10; Central Ohio, $25; Michigan, $300; Newark, $100; Northern New York, $300; Southern California, $50. *Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $10; Columbia River, $15; Illinois, $30; Michigan, $25; South Kansas, $10; Troy, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Illinois, $40—$15; Central Pennsylvania, $80; Des Moines, $40; Detroit, $12.50; East Ohio, $80; Erie, $50; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $27—$40; Iowa, $25; Maine, $10; Michigan, $25; Missouri, $15; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $200; New England, $20; New England Southern, $40; New Jersey, $40; New York, $40; New York East, $55; North Dakota, $20; North Indiana, $125; North Nebraska, $30; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $80; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $120; Northwest Iowa, $40; Ohio, $40; Oregon, $20; Philadelphia, $59; Pittsburgh, $40; Puget Sound, $15; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $40; South Florida Mission, $5; Southern California, $55; Southern Illinois, $20; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $40; Wyoming, $40. *Special:* Des Moines, $45; Genesee, $20; Kansas, $120; Michigan, $10; Newark, $50; New York East, $10; Philadelphia, $15; Wisconsin, $10.

McKinley Day School.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* California, Young People, $10; Central Illinois, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Cincinnati, $10; Columbia River, $15; Des Moines, $15; East Ohio, $45; Erie, $75; Genesee, $15; Illinois, $15; Indiana, $15; Iowa, $15; Nebraska, $15; Newark, $75, Annex, $25; New England, $15; New England Southern, $30; New Hampshire, $15; New Jersey, $15; New York, $15; New York East, $100; North Indiana, $45; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Indiana, $30; Ohio, $15; Pittsburgh, $25; Southern Illinois, $15. *Special:* Cincinnati, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, $5.

Fisk Day School, Ponce.—*Salary:* Michigan, $15. *Student Aid:* Michigan, $15; Newark, $50; New York, $15. *Current Expenses:* Ohio, $25. *Kindergarten:* New York East, $15.

Williams School, Arecibo, P. R.—*Salary:* Central New York, $60; Central Ohio, $25; East Ohio, $30; Newark, $100; North Indiana, $70; North Ohio, $10—$30. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* New York East, $15; Pittsburgh, $5. *Special:* Wisconsin, $10. *Kindergarten:* North Ohio, $30.

Navajo Home and School.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Illinois, $25; Lexington, $10; New York, for interpreter, $5. *Current Expenses:* California, $10; Indiana, $10; Iowa, $25; Missouri,

$5; New England, $50; New York East, $10, Young People, $5; Pittsburgh, $10. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $65; East Ohio, $50; Indiana, $84; Michigan, $50; New Hampshire, $14; New York East, $50; North Montana, $30; Northern Minnesota, $65; Philadelphia, $15; Southern Illinois, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Baltimore, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $5; Columbia River, $30; Detroit, $5; Erie, $25; Indiana, for bed, $15; Iowa, Young People, $5; Michigan, $25; New York, $40—$35; North Nebraska, $15; Northwest Kansas, $10; Oklahoma, $10; Oregon, $25; Utah Mission, $20; West Virginia, $10; Wisconsin, $5. *Building:* Alabama, $10; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $10; Columbia River, $20; Dakota, $25; Detroit, $50; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $5; Kansas, $66; Lexington, $15; Maine, $10; Minnesota, $30; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $50; New England, $25; Newark, $100; New Jersey, $15; Detroit, $10; New England Southern, $15; New York East, $50; North Indiana, $100; North Ohio, $100; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Iowa, $50; Ohio, $75; Philadelphia, $20; Puget Sound, $10; Rock River, $500; South Kansas, $15; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $100; Wisconsin, $15. *Heating Plant:* Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $10; Mrs. D. L. Williams, $10; Cincinnati, $5; Colorado, $50; Dakota, $25; East Ohio, $10; Genesee, $10; Michigan, $10; New Jersey, $5; Rock River, $1,000; Upper Iowa, $100. *Furnishings:* New Jersey, $75; Philadelphia, Young People, cow, $30.

Ponca Mission.—East Ohio, $25; Erie, $25—$10; Genesee, $20; Kansas, $100; Lincoln, $5; Michigan, $10; New England, $7.25; New Hampshire, $10; New York East, Young People, $5; North Indiana, $13; Northwest Indiana, $10; Ohio, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wilmington, $10. *Barn:* Baltimore, $10; Central New York, $5; Philadelphia, Mrs. Burnett, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wyoming, $10. *Repairs:* Oklahoma, $25.

Pottawatomie Mission.—Central Illinois, $20; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $25; Illinois, $25; Iowa, $20; Lincoln, $5; Kansas, $250; New England, $15; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $12; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Indiana, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $10; South Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $10.

Nooksack Mission.—*Salary:* Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $10; East Ohio, $25; Indiana, $5; Northwest Indiana, $5; Puget Sound, $100. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $20; Columbia River, $25; Detroit, $40; Erie, $20; Iowa, $50; New York East, $45; North Dakota, $5; Northern New York, $15; Ohio, $25; Pittsburgh, $50; Wisconsin, $20; Wyoming, $40. *Special:* Central Ohio, $10; Northwest Indiana, Mrs. F. A. Secor, $5. *Building:* Northwest Iowa, $50.

Ukiah.—Iowa, $10. *Special:* Iowa, $5; Minnesota, $5; New York East, $10.

Greenville Mission.—Central Alabama, $50; Cincinnati, $15; Columbia River, $5; Des Moines, $10; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $50; New York, $5; North Ohio, salary Blind Joe, $10; Northwest Indiana, $5; Ohio, $10; Rock River, $5; Upper Iowa, $25; Wilmington, $10.

Yuma Mission.—Central Illinois, $10; Central New York, $5; Cincinnati, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, $5; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $15; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $25; Illinois, $15; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $10; Newark, Personal, $25; New England, $15; New York, $5 for dispensary, $5 for helper; New York East, $15—$10; North Indiana, $10; Northern New York, dispensary, $10; Northwest Indiana, $5; Ohio, $10; Pittsburgh, $5; Rock River, dispensary, $10; Southern California, $500 salary, $150 for assistant, $150 for interpreter, and $100 for

Emergency Fund; Southwest Kansas, $5; Upper Iowa, $25—$25—$5; West Virginia, $10; Wilmington, $10.

Jesse Lee Home.—*Salary:* Illinois, $50; Michigan, $480; Minnesota, Personal, $10; Puget Sound, $50. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $5; Illinois, $20; Kansas, $7; New York East, $140; North Indiana, $22.50; North Nebraska, $15; Northern New York, $25; Oklahoma, $15; Pittsburgh, $25; Puget Sound, $30; Troy, $50. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $30; Central Missouri, $10; Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $60; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Colorado, $25; Columbia River, $20; Des Moines, $15; Detroit, $70; East Ohio, $70; Erie, $60; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $65; Iowa, $70; Minnesota, $20; Missouri, $5; Newark, $25; New England, $30; New England Southern, $30; New Hampshire, $55; New Jersey, $60; New York, $20; North Dakota, $10; North Indiana, $120; North Ohio, $30; Northern Minnesota, $240; Northern New York, $60; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Iowa, $60—$10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Iowa, $60; Oregon, $50; Philadelphia, $95; Pittsburgh, $90; Puget Sound, $120; South Kansas, $20; Southern California, $100; Southern Illinois, $25; Southwest Kansas, $70; West Wisconsin, $10; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $40; Wyoming, $100; Watts de Peyster Jewels, $10. *Special:* East Ohio, $5; Nebraska, $25; New England, $25; Southwest Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $20; Wisconsin, $20. *Building:* North Dakota, $15; Rock River, $50. *Hospital:* Baltimore, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $10; East Ohio, $100; Rock River, $10.

Sinuk Mission.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $20; Central New York, $20; New York, $5; Northern Minnesota, $525; Pittsburgh, $10; Troy, $50; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* California, $10; Cincinnati, $60; East Ohio, $50; Illinois, $50; Michigan, $15; New England Southern, $25; New York East, $15, for Young People, $10; Ohio, $25; St. Louis, Mrs. C. W. Wood, $10; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $200; Southwest Kansas, $77.50; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Columbia River, $15; Detroit, $100; Indiana, $95—$30; Iowa, $70; Michigan, $15; Minnesota, $20; New Hampshire, $20; New York, $10; New York East, $55; North Dakota, $10; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $70—$25; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Kansas, $10; Oregon, $50; Puget Sound, $100; St. Louis, $100. *Special:* Newark, $70; North Indiana, $20; Philadelphia, $23; Southwest Kansas, $80; Wisconsin, $10. *Building:* Alabama, $5; Des Moines, $20; New York, $5; Rock River, $50. *Reindeer:* California, $5; Central New York, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $5; Cincinnati, $5; Colorado, $5; Detroit, $5; Genesee, $10; Indiana, Irvington Home Guards, $5; Iowa, $5; Michigan, $5; Sunday School Class, $5; Minnesota, $5; Missouri, $5; Nebraska, $50; New Jersey, $5; North Indiana, $5; Northern Minnesota, $5; Northwest Indiana, $5; Oklahoma, $5; Philadelphia, $10.

Nome, Alaska.—Minnesota, $525. *Current Expenses:* Illinois, $50; New York, $5; Northern New York, $10; Philadelphia, $20. *Special:* Cincinnati, $10; Newark, $25; New England Southern, $25; New York East, $15; North Ohio, $30; Northwest Iowa, $10. *Building:* Baltimore, $25; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $50; Central Ohio, $50; Colorado, $10; Columbia River, $25; Des Moines, $15; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Genesee, $50, Young People, $10; Maine, $10; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $50; Mississippi, $40; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $25; North Dakota, $10; North Indiana, $15; Northern Minnesota, $100; Northwest Indiana, $50; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $250, for naming building for Mrs. R. H. Young; Southwest Kansas, $5; Minnesota, $60—$40—$25; West Virginia, $10; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $25.

Oriental Home for Chinese.—*Salary:* Des Moines, $180; Erie, $25; South Kansas, $10. *Current Expenses:* California, $1,000; Columbia River, $120; Northern New York, $20; Troy, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; Cincinnati, $30; Detroit, $50; Illinois, $60; Indiana, $117; Iowa, $70; Michigan, $20; Newark, $25; New England, $35; New Jersey, $30; New York, $10; North Indiana, $30; North Nebraska, $20; Northern Minnesota, $25; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Indiana, $70; Northwest Iowa, $70; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $70; Oregon, $25; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $100; St. Louis, $80; South Kansas, $15—$10; Southern California, $70; Southwest Kansas, $100; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $70; Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, per Dr. Wilder, $30. *Kindergarten:* Miss Guernsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $75; Upper Iowa, $15; Central Illinois, $45; Central Ohio, $15; Colorado, $15; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $15; East Ohio, $45; Genesee, $15; Illinois, $30; Nebraska, $15; New York Young People, $15; New Jersey, $30; Northern Minnesota, $45; Northwest Indiana, $45; Ohio, $15; Oklahoma, $15; South Kansas, $15; Southern California, Young People, $15; Mrs. J. B. Green, $15. *Special:* Central New York, $25; New York, $15; New York East, $35; Philadelphia, $20; South Kansas, $10; Rescue Work, $10. *Building:* Alabama, $5; Central Illinois, $160; Des Moines, $150; East Ohio, $100; North Indiana, $200; North Ohio, $100; Wisconsin, $10. *Bible Woman:* North Indiana, $10.

Ellen Stark Ford Home.—*Salary:* Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $25; Michigan, $5; Minnesota, $30; Missouri, $10; Northwest Indiana, $25; Northwest Iowa, $10; Ohio, $25; Oklahoma, $25; Philadelphia, $15; Pittsburgh, $10; Wyoming, $10. *Current Expenses:* California, $1,000; Erie, $50; South Kansas, $10; Troy, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $60; Columbia River, $15; Des Moines, $60; Illinois, $50; Iowa, $70; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $25; New England, $35; New Jersey, $60; New York East, $25; North Dakota, $25; North Indiana, $60; North Ohio, $25; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $30; Oregon, $25; Rock River, $50; Southern California, $60; Southern Illinois, $70; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $60. *Kindergarten:* Central Illinois, $30; Des Moines, $15; East Ohio, $45; Genesee, $15—$15; Missouri, $15; Northern Minnesota, $45; Northwest Indiana, $30. *Special:* Central New York, $25; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $15; New York, $20; New York East, $5—$10; Upper Iowa, $10. *Building:* East Ohio, $100.

Jane Couch Memorial Home.—*Salary:* Southern California, $600. *Student Aid:* Illinois, $50. *Kindergarten:* Illinois, $30. *Special:* Northern Minnesota, $25; New York, $5.

Susannah Wesley Home.—*Salary:* North Indiana, $20. *Current Expenses:* Illinois, $50; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $15; Northwest Iowa, $5; Ohio, $25; Troy, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $60; Central Illinois, $60; Des Moines, $60; East Ohio, $60; Erie, $20; Indiana, $5; Kansas, $66; Michigan, $15; Nebraska, $25; New England, $30; New York, $15; New York East, $15; North Indiana, $60; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Oregon, $20; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburgh, $25; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $120; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $60; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $50. *Kindergarten:* Des Moines, $15; East Ohio, $45; North Ohio, $30. *Special:* Baltimore, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, $5; Cincinnati, $10; Erie, $15; Genesee, $15; Newark, $25; New York East, $10; Northern Minnesota, $100. *Stove:* Upper Iowa, $25; New York, $5; New York East, $10.

Catherine Blaine Home.—*Salary:* Michigan, $300; Puget Sound, $400. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Erie, $25; Iowa, $25; Kansas,

$25; Puget Sound, $200. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $15; Central Ohio, $30; Colorado, $30; Columbia River, $15; Holston, $15; Michigan, $15; Nebraska, $15; Newark, $25; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $15; North Ohio, $15; Northwest Indiana, $15; Oklahoma, $15; Upper Iowa, $15; Miss Gurnsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $30. *Special:* Central Illinois, $10; Colorado, $25; Des Moines, $50; Illinois, $25; Oregon, $25. *Building:* Lincoln, $10; New York, $10.

Immigrant Work, New York City.—Arkansas, $10; Baltimore, $25; Central Illinois, $25; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Cincinnati, $15; Des Moines, $25; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $25; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $8; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $15; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $50; New Jersey, $15; New York, $300; New York East, $135; North Ohio, $40; Northern New York, $40; Northwest Kansas, $25; Ohio, $50; Oregon, $5; Pittsburgh, $10; South Kansas, $12; Southwest Kansas, $65; Troy, $50; Wisconsin, $10; Wilmington, $50; Wyoming, $25.

Immigrant Work, East Boston.—*Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $15; Erie, $50; East Ohio, $25; Northern New York, $20; Ohio, $25; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Central Ohio, $25; California, $10; Central Illinois, $100; Des Moines, $50; Genesee, $100; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $50; Minnesota, $20; New England, $600; New Hampshire, $60; New York, $10; North Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Pittsburgh, $10; Rock River, $60; South Kansas, $13; Southwest Kansas, $47; Vermont, $50; Wisconsin, $10. *Building:* Central New York, $100; Illinois, $30; Indiana, $5; Maine, $10; Newark, $50; New England Southern, $100; North Ohio, $100; Oregon, $10; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburgh, $10; Upper Iowa, $100. *Furnishing:* Cincinnati, Mrs. I. D. Jones, $75; New Hampshire, $20; New York, $50; West Virginia, $25.

Immigrant Work, Philadelphia.—Philadelphia, $80.

Immigrant Work, Angel Island.—California, $25; Central New York, $25; Colorado, $15; Illinois, $25; Northwest Iowa, $10; Puget Sound, $20.

Immigrant Work, San Pedro.—Southern California, $500.

Immigrant Work, San Diego.—Southern California, $500.

Immigrant Work in Benwood, W. Va.—West Virginia, $480.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—*Salary:* North Indiana, $40; South Kansas, $22.50; Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* Iowa, $50; Kansas, $3; Nebraska, $500; New England, $10; Rock River, $5. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $30; Central New York, $30; Central Ohio, $25; Central Tennessee, $100; Cincinnati, $10; Columbia River, $5; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $35; East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $10; Indiana, $15; Michigan, $15; Minnesota, $10; Newark, $15; New England Southern, $25; New Jersey, $25; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $30; North Nebraska, $100; North Ohio, $20; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Iowa, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $25; Oregon, $5; St. Louis, $65; South Kansas, $25; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Utah Mission, $50; West Wisconsin, $15; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $5; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Alabama, $5; New York, $5; New York East, $5; Philadelphia, $6.80.

Watts De Peyster Home.—*Current Expenses:* Central Pennsylvania, $5; Cincinnati, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, $5; Detroit, $10; Michigan, $15—$5; Newark, $25; New York East, $10—$5 for Young People; Wyoming, Personal, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $140; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $70; Detroit, $50; Erie, $100; Genesee, $20; Michigan, $15; Newark, $140; New England, $30; New England Southern, $40; New York, $1,600; New York East, $70; North Indiana, $15; Northern New York, $70; Philadelphia, $33; Rock River, $15; Southern California,

$10; Troy, $250; Wisconsin, $15. *Special:* Genesee, $10; New York East, for clothing, $20.

Elizabeth A. Bradley Home.—*Current Expenses:* North Indiana, $14. *Student Aid:* Michigan, $10; Newark, $50; New York, $10. *Special:* Pittsburgh, $5,000.

Cunningham Orphanage.—*Salary:* South Kansas, $10; Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Illinois, $1,800; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $5; North Dakota, $12; Northwest Indiana, $10. *Student Aid:* Pittsburgh, $10; St. Louis, $20; Southern Illinois, $20; Wisconsin, $15; Columbia River, $5; Detroit, $35; Genesee, $10; Michigan, $15; New York, $5; North Indiana, $5; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10. *Special:* Central Illinois, $60; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $25. *Building:* Rock River, $50; Detroit, $10.

David and Margaret Home.—*Salary:* Southern California, $2,500. *Student Aid:* Southern California, $3,500; Illinois, from Cunningham Orphanage, $5; Michigan, $15. *Special:* Southern California, $500.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training School.—*Salary:* South Kansas, $10. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $50; Genesee, $10; Kentucky, $20; Maine, $125; Northern New York, $100. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $250—$10; Central New York, $25—$10; Central Ohio, $150; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $125; Detroit, $137.50; Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $10; East Ohio, $250—$10; Erie, $10; Genesee, $275—$20; Illinois, $125; Indiana, $230; Iowa, $10; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $50; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $125; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $100; New Jersey, $100; New York, $100; New York East, two personal gifts, $20; North Indiana, $300; North Ohio, $137; Northern New York, $125; Northwest Iowa, $10; Ohio, $125; Oklahoma, $10; Philadelphia, $65—$60; Rock River, $10; Southern Illinois, $125; Troy, $150; Upper Iowa, $25; West Virginia, $100; Wilmington, $125; Wyoming, $50—$10. *Chapel:* Detroit, $200. *Special:* New England, $50.

Kansas City Training School.—*Salary:* Lincoln, $10; South Kansas, $25; Upper Iowa, $50. *Current Expenses:* St. Louis, $64. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, $1; East Ohio, $65; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $35; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $5; New York, $25; North Indiana, $187.50; North Nebraska, $125; Northern Minnesota, $250; Philadelphia, $1; St. Louis, $82.50; South Kansas, $75—$25—$10; Southern Illinois, $125; Upper Iowa, $50; Wisconsin, $25. *Special:* Minnesota, $50; Northwest Kansas, for Conference room, $50. *Building:* Central Pennsylvania, $25; Genesee, $50; Kansas, $150; North Indiana, $165; North Nebraska, $25; Rock River, $10; St. Louis, $660; South Kansas, $84; Southwest Kansas, $150. *Bancroft Chapel:* Baltimore, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, $5; California, $10; Central Illinois, $25; Mrs. H. D. Ketcham, $10; Central New York, $50; Cincinnati, Mrs. G. H. Thompson, $5; Colorado, $50; Des Moines, Deaconess Home, $5; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Nebraska, $50; Newark, Miss Van Marter, $1; Northwest Indiana, $10; Northwest Iowa, $10; St. Louis, $50; South Kansas, $55; Southwest Kansas, $50; Troy, $10; Vermont, $25; Wilmington, $5; McCrum Slavonic School, $5.

Bible Training School.—*Current Expenses:* California, $1,000. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $1; Arkansas, $2; Baltimore, $10; Central Illinois, $1; East Ohio, $5; Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, by Dr. Wilder, $25; Minnesota, $1; North Indiana, $30; New York, $5; Oregon, $75—$5; Rock River, Mrs. Dangel, $1; Southern California, Mrs. H. M. Holbrook, $1; Mrs. H. M. Holmes, $1; Vermont, Mrs. Webb; Pittsburgh, Mrs. Balsinger, $1; Baltimore, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, $1. *Special:* Detroit, $15.

McCrum Slavonic Training School.—*Salary:* California, $10; Cen-

tral Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $10; Illinois, $25; Upper Iowa, $50. *Current Expenses:* Baltimore, $10; Missouri, $5; Northwest Indiana, $25—$25; Oregon, Mrs. Weaver, $5; Pittsburgh, $102. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $25; Idaho, Mrs. Cotton Mather, $10; New Jersey, $5; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Kansas, $5; Northwest Iowa, $5; Northwest Kansas, $10; Pittsburgh, $50; Mrs. W. F. Davis, $100; in memory of Mrs. Stone, $100; Young People of Washington District, $100; Rock River, $10—$25; West Virginia, $35; Wilmington, $25. *Special:* North Ohio, $25. *Building:* Des Moines, Mrs. Woodcock, $5; Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $50; Puget Sound, $20.

Colored Training School.—Cincinnati, $15. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Iowa, $25; St. Louis, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $25; Central Ohio, $15; Lexington, $50; Missouri, $15; Northwest Indiana, $25; Pittsburgh, $10; Upper Iowa, $50; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Central Illinois, $25; Des Moines, $15; Genesee, $20; New York, $5—$10; West Texas, $10. *Building:* Central New York, $5; Minnesota, $25; Rock River, $25.

Harwood Hospital.—Baltimore, $50; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $1; Minnesota, $5; New Jersey, $118; Upper Iowa, $200.

Ellen A. Burge Hospital.—St. Louis, $200.

W. C. Graham Protestant Hospital.—California, $5; Central New York, $25; Des Moines, $100; Erie, $10; Illinois, $10; Iowa, $300; Nebraska, $5; New Jersey, $5; New York, $10; New York East, $5; Northwest Iowa, $25; Rock River, $15; South Kansas, $5; Upper Iowa, $100; Washington, $10; Wisconsin, $10.

Ellen A. Burge.—St. Louis, $200.

Sibley Hospital.—*Building:* Central New York, $100; Detroit, $500; Genesee, $50. *Special:* Minnesota, $50; North Dakota, $10; Southwest Kansas, $50; Upper Iowa, $50. *X-ray Machine:* Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $100; East Ohio, $100; Kansas, $35; Minnesota, $50; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $50; New Jersey, $25; New York, $10; New York East, $100; North Dakota, $35; North Indiana, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Ohio, $100; Pittsburgh, $50; Oregon, Mrs. Weaver, $10; Rock River, $25; St. Louis, $20; South Kansas, $5; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $25; Wyoming, $25. *Bed in Children's Ward:* Central Ohio, $25; Newark, Mrs. M. L. Woodruff, $25; Miss Alice Guernsey, $50. *Furnishings:* Genesee, $125. *Gateway:* Genesee, $400.

Rapid City Hospital.—Michigan, $5; Nebraska, $15; Black Hills Mission, $50; Minnesota, $100.

Bancroft Rest Home.—Baltimore, $25; California, $50; Central Illinois, $5; Central New York, $5; Central Ohio, $5; Erie, $5; Genesee, $5—$10; Iowa, $5; Michigan, $5; Minnesota, $5; Newark, $50; New Jersey, $25; New York, $30—$25; New York East, $35—$25; North Indiana, $25—$25; Northwest Indiana, $5; Northwest Kansas, $25; Philadelphia, $23; Rock River, $25; Southern Illinois, $15; Upper Iowa, $25; West Wisconsin, $5; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $25.

Thompson Rest Home.—Baltimore, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $10; New York, $10; Northwest Iowa, $5.

Beulah Rest Home.—Baltimore, $5; California, $100; Iowa, $5; Michigan, $5; Nebraska, $5; New England, $5; New York, $20; North Indiana, $25; Northwest Iowa, $5; Southern Illinois, $5; Upper Iowa, $25.

Wing Rest Home.—Pittsburgh, $10; Southern California, $300; Vermont, $50.

Elizabeth E. Marcy Home.—*Salary:* Illinois, $60; South Kansas, $30; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* Central Ohio, $25; Detroit,

$25; Erie, $25; Kansas, $10; Michigan, $10; Missouri, $5; North Nebraska, $5; Northwest Indiana, $50 for Jewish work; Ohio, $10; Rock River, $1,500. *Student Aid:* Iowa, $50; Wisconsin, $25. *Special:* Alabama, $10; Central Illinois, $100; Des Moines, $50; Idaho, $5; Michigan, for Jewish work, $10; New York, $5; North Indiana, $85; Rock River, for girls' club, $2,000; Central Ohio, for Jewish work, $25.

GLENN HOME.—North Indiana, $30; Cincinnati, $10.

HULL STREET SETTLEMENT.—*Salary:* New Hampshire, $40. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Erie, $25; Illinois, $5; Michigan, $25; Nebraska, $25; New England Southern, $50; Northern New York, $25; Ohio, $25; Wyoming, $10. *Special:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $20; New England, $1,700; New York, $15; North Indiana, $30; North Ohio, $25; Oregon, $10; Pittsburgh, $20; Upper Iowa, $25. *Building:* Rock River, $15.

PORTLAND, OREGON.—*Salary:* Detroit, $25; Erie, $25; Lincoln, $10; New Hampshire, $10. *Current Expenses:* California, $15; Columbia River, $10; Iowa, $5; Ohio, $10; Oklahoma, $1,000. *Student Aid:* New Jersey, $15; Baltimore, $15; California, $5; Central Illinois, $15; Columbia River, $5; Detroit, $15; East Ohio, $15; Genesee, $15; Iowa, $15; Missouri, $15; New Jersey, personal, $15; North Nebraska, $15; North Ohio, $15; Northern Minnesota, $15; Northwest Indiana, $15; Northwest Iowa, $15; Oklahoma, $15; Pittsburgh, $15; Puget Sound, $10; Rock River, $15; Southern California, $15; Southwest Kansas, $15; West Wisconsin, $15; Wilmington, $15; Miss Guernsey, for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $30. *Special:* Michigan, $5; Newark, $15; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $25; Northwest Iowa, $15.

EAST ST. LOUIS SLAVONIC MISSION.—*Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $5; New York, $10. *Special:* Detroit, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, $10; Iowa, Mrs. L. G. Murphy, $10; Illinois, $10; Michigan, $5; New England, $5; St. Louis, $10; Upper Iowa, $10; Rock River, $10.

ANTHRACITE MISSION, HAZELTON MISSION.—Central New York, $10; Central Illinois, $25.

HALLOWAY DEACONESS HOME.—West Virginia, $110.

CONFERENCE WORK.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—Anthracite Mission, $1,000; Altoona Mission, $150; for Anthracite Mission Student Aid, $408; Mt. Carmel, $384.

ERIE CONFERENCE.—Italian Work, New Castle, $100.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE WORK.—$250.

NORTHWEST INDIANA CONFERENCE WORK.—$850.

MICHIGAN.—Frontier Work, $160.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.—Italian Mission, Utica, $1,000.

OREGON.—Old People's Home, $1,000; Tacoma Settlement Work, $25.

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.—Coke Work, $1,000.

PUGET SOUND.—Tacoma Settlement Work, salary, $600; current expenses, $400.

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE MISSION.—$6,000.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.—Methodist Home for Girls, $1,000.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.—For headquarters, $300; for salary, $1,000.

UPPER IOWA.—Fairfax, Mrs. H. P. Barnes, $5; for Bohemian silent work, $100.

WYOMING.—Italian Work, $100.

PERMANENT DEACONESS FUND.—Erie, $50; Cincinnati, $5; Michigan, $25; North Indiana, $50; Rock River, $25; St. Louis, $10; Upper Iowa, $25.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1900.
WITH VERBAL CHANGES, AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER, 1901.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the "Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our country, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational, missionary, and deaconess work.

ARTICLE III.—ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. This Society shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. The headquarters and principal offices of the Society shall be in the city of Cincinnati. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Managers (twenty-one in all), who together shall constitute the Board of Trustees. There shall also be seven Associate Managers, who, with the Secretaries of Bureaus, shall be entitled to sit with the Board of Trustees and participate in its deliberations.

Sec. 2. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees occurring *ad interim* shall be filled by the Board.

Sec. 3. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held in January, May, and September. Also in connection with the Annual Meetings of the Board of Managers. Special executive meetings may be held at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and eleven shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be:

(1) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2) To determine all matters referred to it by the Board of Managers.

(3) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 5. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Board of Trustees and such of the following persons as shall be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, viz.: The Associate Managers, the President Emeritus, the Secretaries of Bureaus, the Field Secretaries, the Chairmen of Standing Committees appointed or confirmed by the Society at its Annual Meeting, the Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions,* the Editor of *Children's Home Missions,* the Editor of the Annual Report, and the Corresponding Secretary of and one delegate from each Conference Society, the Secretary of Young People's Department, and the Secretary of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels; also one delegate representing Young People's Work from each Conference Society having ten or more Young People's organisations.

Sec. 6. The work of the Annual Meeting shall be:

(1) To elect the officers of the Society and the Associate Managers as indicated in Section 1.

(2) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society; to receive the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, of Secretaries of Bureaus, of Conference Secretaries, and Standing Committees; to determine the fields of labor; to estimate the needs of the various fields, and to make appropriations for the ensuing year.

(3) To transact any other business that the interest of the Society may demand, provided all its plans and estimates be in harmony with the Constitution.

Sec. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

Sec. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission fields, to correspond with the Bureau and Conference Secretaries, and to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Board of Trustees, and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission fields.

Sec. 9. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society and make a report of the same at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. She shall pay the appropriations made by the Board of Managers, and such bills as the Board of Trustees may approve. The accounts shall be audited by a committee elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

Section 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

Sec. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary (who may also be Treasurer), a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of such departments as the Conference may adopt. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, and hold office till others are chosen. The Conference Officers, together with the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the districts, the District Secretaries of Young People's Work and Superintendent of Deaconess Homes, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. The Bureau Secretaries residing within the bounds of a Conference shall be *ex-officio* members of the Conference Executive Board.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Executive Board of the Conference Society

shall be: To plan for the establishment and growth of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange Anniversary exercises; to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action be in harmony with this Constitution.

Sec. 4. The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary and other officers in organizing and conducting the work.

Sec. 5. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to create interest in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference; to conduct the correspondence of the Society; to forward semi-annually to the General Corresponding Secretary a statement of the work of the Conference Society (as per blank provided); and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting.

Sec. 6. The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive and to forward quarterly to the General Treasurer the funds of the Society.

Sec. 7. Special Work. Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the Board of Trustees, raise special funds for the purchase of property, for the building or care of Homes, for the support of teachers, deaconesses, or pupils in the schools or Homes of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society Auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate for every twenty members to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, provided that each auxiliary shall have one delegate.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership in the Society, and the payment of twenty dollars life membership. The payment of one dollar annually by a gentleman shall constitute an *honorary membership*. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life. The payment of one dollar annually for a deceased friend shall constitute a *memorial membership*. The payment of twenty dollars a perpetual *"in memoriam."*

ARTICLE VII.

Young women paying annual dues of $1, with ten cents Contingent Fund, may be organized into Young Woman's Auxiliaries. Young people paying five cents a month (fifty cents annually for General and ten cents for Contingent Fund) may be organized into Queen Esther Circles, and may be under the supervision of an older person called a director.

Conferences having ten or more Young People's organizations may elect a young woman as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The payment of fifteen dollars ($15) shall constitute a Queen Esther life membership.

ARTICLE VIII.

1. Young people under fourteen may be organized into Home Guards under the Constitution provided.

2. Children may be enrolled as Mothers' Jewels on the payment of ten cents annually.

3. The payment of $10 shall constitute a Junior life membership for those fourteen years old or younger.

ARTICLE IX.—Relation to Other Branches of Church Work.

Section 1. This Society shall engage in educational, missionary, and deaconess labor, exclusively in our own land, and shall work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

The missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society and, if in a Mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular Mission.

Sec. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collection, nor by subscription taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interest of the Society, and by other methods which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the ensuing year, shall be so arranged that its fields of labor, its general plans of work, and its appropriations may be submitted to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church for approval at its Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution, except Article IX, may be amended by the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, three months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in *Woman's Home Missions.*

Amendments to Article IX may be proposed as above, but to become effective must be approved by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. A committee of five, appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting, which shall occur on the third Wednesday of October. The place of the meeting shall be fixed at the previous meetings of the Board of Managers; if not provided for, it shall be determined by this Committee, who shall announce the time and place in the Church papers.

2. All officers of the Society shall be nominated by ballot, and elected by ballot in open sessions.

3. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be elected by acclamation by the Board of Managers on nomination by the Board of Trustees. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the body except the vote.

4. The Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions* and of *Children's Home Missions* shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

5. General Organizers shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

6. There shall be the following Standing Committees: On Mothers' Jewels Home, Glenn Home, Marcy Home, Watts de Peyster Home, the several Deaconess Homes; on Rest Homes; Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast and in the Hawaiian Islands; and on Publication, Mite-boxes, and Day of Humiliation and Prayer. The Committees on Homes named, except Rest Homes, shall be nominated by their respective local Boards and confirmed by the Board of Managers; the Committee on Rest Homes, Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast and in the Hawaiian Islands, on Literature, on Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and on Temperance, shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

7. For the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers printed instructions shall be prepared and presented to the delegates on the morning of the election or on one day previous to the election.

8. Every Conference sending delegates to the meeting of the Board of Managers shall pay to the Committee on Arrangements of the entertaining city ten dollars ($10) for each Conference Secretary and each delegate. The money to be sent to the local committee with the names of the delegation. The expenses of the entertainment of the General Officers, Trustees, Associate Managers, Bureau Secretaries, Field Secretaries, Publishers and Editors of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and *Convention Daily,* two heads of department, Editor of General Publications, Secretary of Finance, missionaries and deaconesses, together with the Chairmen of Standing Committees, as published in the Annual Report, and invited speakers on the program, shall be met by the city entertaining the convention, together with all other expenses of entertainment.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. The mission fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and such Assistants as are nominated by the Secretary of the Bureau and elected by the Board of Trustees. The Bureau for Young People's Work shall consist of two Associate Secretaries (one to supervise Young Women's Auxiliaries and Home Mission Circles, the other to supervise Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels), one or more Field Secretaries, and such Assistants as are nominated by the Secretaries of the Bureau and elected by the Board of Trustees.

2. Each Bureau shall have the responsibility, in its own field, of executing the plans and applying the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the Board of Trustees.

3. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to supervise the work, secure conformity to the rules for mission work approved by the General Board of Managers, and report quarterly or oftener to the Board of Trustees.

4. The Bureaus shall be: (1) Colored Work in Georgia, (2) Florida,

(3) East Central States, (4) West Central States; (5) White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee; (6) Colored Work in Mississippi, (7) West Southern States, (8) Texas; (9) White Work in Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia, (10) Utah, (11) New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish), (12) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (13) Pacific Coast Indian Bureau; (14) Alaska-Eskimo; Alaska-Aleut; (15) Immigrants; (16) Training-School; (17) Hospital; (18) New England; (19) Northern; (20) Northwest; (21) Negro; (22)Chinese Work; (23) Japanese and Korean Work; (24) Porto Rico; (25) Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast; (26) Mission Supplies; (27) Department of Young People's Work and Department of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels; (28) Home Missionary Reading Circle; (29) Systematic Beneficence.

5. The Bureau of Colored Work in Georgia shall supervise the colored work of the Society in the State of Georgia, and the Bureau for Florida in the State of Florida.

6. The Bureau for the East Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in West North Carolina and South Carolina.

7. The Bureau for West Central States shall supervise the colored work of the Society in East North Carolina and Tennessee.

8. The Bureau for White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee shall supervise the white work of the Society in those States.

9. The Bureau for Colored Work in Mississippi shall supervise the colored work of the Society in that State.

10. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall supervise the work of the Society in Louisiana and Arkansas.

11. The Bureau for White Work in Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia shall supervise the white work in those States.

12. The Bureaus for Texas, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona (Spanish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), and Alaska shall supervise the work of the Society in these States and Territories respectively.

13. The Pacific Coast Indian Bureau shall supervise the work of the Society at Stickney Home, Ukiah, and at Yuma Missions.

14. The Bureau for Immigrants shall supervise the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial School for immigrant women and girls, in connection with the Atlantic ports of entry.

15. The Bureau for Chinese Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Chinese.

16. The Bureau for Japanese and Korean Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Japanese and Koreans on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii.

17. The Bureau for Porto Rico shall supervise the work of the Society in the Porto Rican mission field.

18. The Bureau for Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast shall supervise the work of the Society for the Spanish people on that coast.

19. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall supervise the collection and distribution of clothing, literature, and such other supplies as may be helpful to ministers' families, Sunday schools, and the Industrial Schools of the Society.

20. Local missionary work, for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Auxiliaries and Churches furnishing supplies to meet the needs of missionary work recognized by the Woman's Home Missionary Society may be credited for the same through the Bureau for Supplies.

21. It shall be the duty of the Department of Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Home Missions among young people; to organize Young Women's Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles. It

shall be the duty of the Department of Home Guards to organize Home Guards and to secure the enlistment of Mothers' Jewels.

22. The funds used for the support of city mission work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

23. The Bureau for Home Missionary Reading Circles and Mission Study Classes shall co-operate with the Secretary of Literature in the supervision and preparation of courses of missionary reading and the organization of Reading Circles and Mission Study Classes. Loan libraries may be provided for the use of ministers and students in frontier districts.

24. The duty of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence shall be to promote systematic giving by the preparation and circulation of literature and such other efforts as are adapted to secure this end.

25. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

DEPARTMENT OF DEACONESS WORK.

26. All Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be associated together in a Department of Deaconess Work.

(*a*) This Department shall be under the supervision of a General Superintendent. It shall consist of ten bureaus; the bureaus to be known as the Bureau for National Training Schools, the New England, Eastern, Central, Western, Northern, Northwestern, Pacific, Negro, and the Bureau for Hospitals.

(*b*) The Executive Committee of the Department shall consist of a General Superintendent and a Bureau for National Training Schools; the Secretaries of the several Deaconess Bureaus, together with two representatives from the Executive Committee of each Deaconess Institution.

(*c*) The duty of the Executive Committee shall be the establishment and general supervision of all Training Schools and Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Society.

(*d*) Boundaries of Deaconess Bureaus.—These Bureaus comprise the deaconess interests of the Society within the bounds of those white, English-speaking Conferences and the Negro Conferences.

(*e*) Training School Bureau. This includes National and Conference Training Schools.

(*f*) New England Bureau includes the following Conferences: East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Troy, New England, New England Southern.

(*g*) Eastern Bureau includes New York East, New York, Wyoming, Northern New York, Central New York, Genesee, Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, Wilmington, Baltimore, Virginia, and Deaconess Stations south in the Atlantic Seaboard.

(*h*) Central Bureau includes Erie, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Ohio, North-East Ohio, Cincinnati-Central, Detroit, Michigan, Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana, Rock River, Central Illinois, Illinois, Southern Illinois, and stations south of this territory.

(*i*) Western Bureau includes Nebraska, Northwest Nebraska, Missouri, St. Louis, Arkansas, Kansas, South Kansas, Northwest Kansas, Southwest Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado.

(*j*) Northern Bureau includes Wisconsin, Northern Minnesota, Minnesota, Upper Iowa, Northwest Iowa, Iowa, Des Moines, North Dakota, Dakota, Black Hills Mission.

(*k*) Northwest Bureau includes Alaska Mission, Puget Sound, Columbia River, Montana, North Montana, Idaho, Wyoming Mission.

(*l*) Pacific Bureau includes Oregon, California, Southern California, Nevada Mission, Utah, Arizona Mission, New Mexico (English) and New Mexico (Spanish) Missions.

(*m*) Negro Deaconess Bureau includes all Negro Conferences within the boundaries of the United States.

(*n*) Hospital Bureau. This includes the hospital interests of the Society, with Brewster Hospital within the bounds of the Bureau for Florida.

(*o*) The appointment of deaconesses to their fields of labor shall be made by the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, aided as she shall need, by the Secretaries of the different Deaconess Bureaus, each in her own field.

(*p*) The Board of Management of each Home shall report semi-annually on dates corresponding to the division of the fiscal year of the Society to the Secretary of the Bureau. The Secretary of the Bureau shall report annually to the General Superintendent.

(*q*) Auxiliaries in cities and towns where such Deaconess Homes are located as are authorized to send a delegate to the General Board of Managers shall be entitled to half the membership dues, which amount shall be returned to the Conference Treasurer.

(*r*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than eight years of efficient consecutive service as deaconesses, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the eight years of service not to include the two years of training.

(*s*) And such deaconess may be admitted to a Rest Home on the payment for her of $200 by the Home of which she has been a member, or by herself, or by her friends.

(*t*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who, at the close of their effective service, shall be unwilling to enter a Rest Home.

(*u*) There shall be a Standing Committee for the purpose of creating and enlarging the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

(*v*) The Board of Management of such Deaconess Home as receives support from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on approval of the General Board of Managers, shall become a Standing Committee for its management, and shall be entitled to a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

(*w*) We recommend that the rules of the several Homes, as to support of deaconesses, term of service, costume, age, or admission and support of disabled workers, shall be as nearly as possible uniform, and that the allowance for incidentals, for clothing, etc., for a licensed deaconess shall be ten dollars a month; all questions pertaining to the general interests of deaconess work being in each Conference finally placed, as by the Discipline, under the control of the Conference Board of Nine.

(*x*) Any person receiving aid from the Woman's Home Missionary Society in securing training at the Training Schools of the Society shall receive this money as a loan, which obligation shall be satisfied by a term of service in the Society of not less than two years' service for one year's training, nor less than four years' service for two years' training, or return the money to the Society as soon as practicable.

(*y*) The Superintendent of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference in which that Home is located.

(*z*) The deaconesses of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society may select, annually, one of their own number who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to represent them at the meetings of the Conference Society.

TRAINING SCHOOLS.

27. (*a*) The governing body of the National Training Schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; but the Board shall act through its Bureau of National Training Schools, aided by the President of each school and his local Board of Directors.

(*b*) The President of the National Training Schools shall be nominated by the Bureau for National Training Schools and elected by the Board of Trustees.

(*c*) The Board of Trustees shall elect annually the teachers for each school. Nominations for the consideration of the Board of Trustees shall be made at the regular meetings in March of each year by the President and local Board of Directors of each school, and at the April meeting of the Board of Trustees by the Secretary of the Board for National Training Schools. In electing teachers, however, the Trustees shall not be confined to the nominations so made.

(*d*) The President of each school, with the advice of his local Board of Directors, shall have the responsibility of the internal management and discipline of the school and the recommendation of pupils for graduation in the various courses of instruction.

(*e*) The Bureau for National Training Schools, together with the President, shall determine the Course of Study, text-books, and standard of admission and graduation.

(Numbers *a* and *b* apply equally to all departments of the Training Schools.)

*(*f*) The local Board of Directors at Washington shall consist of five groups of three members each—fifteen in all—of which five shall be men and ten women. The term of office of each group is to be five years. At the regular monthly meeting in March the local Board of Directors shall nominate twice the number of persons required to fill vacancies which shall occur by expiration of the term of office or by other causes, from which the Board of Trustee will choose a sufficient number to fill vacancies. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the local Board of Directors until the end of the current year.

(*g*) The local Board of Directors shall authorize the purchase of supplies for the table, fuel, and household expenses, including repairs and incidentals. Bills in all the departments shall be kept within the annual appropriations made by the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Any expenditure involving more than $500 shall first be referred to the National Training School Committee.

(*h*) All bills shall be audited by a committee of three appointed by the local Board of Directors, and a copy of such audit shall be filed with the Auditor of the National Training Schools Committee, who, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of the local Board of Directors of each Training School with voice and vote.

(*i*) The local Board of Directors, at their meeting in December, may elect one of their number, who, with the president of the School, shall be delegate with voice and vote to the meeting of the National Training School Committee in January and May.

(*j*) These By-laws relating to Training Schools may be changed at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations for changes in or additions to these By-laws may be made at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by the Bureau for National Training Schools and by the President and local Board of Directors of the respective schools.

(*k*) Actions of the Bureau for National Training Schools taken at the semi-annual meetings of the Committee are not subject to changes save the Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

(*l*) All questions relating to or in any wise affecting real estate belonging to this Corporation shall be determined only by the Board of Trustees of this Society, or by such Committee as it may appoint for this purpose.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 31st of July.

2. Auxiliary Societies.—The Corresponding Secretaries shall send their reports semi-annually, December 15th and June 15th. The Treasurers shall send quarterly reports, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, June 15th.

3. Conference Societies.—The Conference Corresponding Secretaries shall send semi-annual reports, January 15th and July 15th, and Treasurers shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th.

4. Board of Trustees.—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article II, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of December, and June.

5. The funds of the Society, unless otherwise ordered, must be sent by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer; and whenever held by either of these officers shall be deposited in a banking institution in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work must be in all cases be raised as a special fund for this work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employees of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board of Trustees, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, Superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board of Trustees, through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than July 15th of each year).

8. The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers acting as a Committee of the Whole. This committee shall not appropriate in any year more than the total available net income received by the Treasurer during the preceding fiscal year.

9. The pledges for the work of this Society shall be sent by each Conference Corresponding Secretary to the Secretary of the Finance Committee one month before the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference shall be allowed to pledge a small amount over and above that already pledged by her Conference Society to meet deficiencies between appropriations granted and pledges received; also to meet new pleas presented in the meeting of Finance Committee.

10. All moneys received by bequest and devise by the Treasurer of a Conference Society shall be sent at once to the General Treasurer, who shall return it at once to the Treasurer of the Conference Society.

This action is taken that the report of the General Treasurer may be more exact and cover all amounts received by the Conferences.

11. The payment of twenty dollars life membership does not excuse the life member from the payment of annual dues. The life membership is purely honorary.

12. No officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society, shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the Board of Trustees of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and Recording Secretary of said Board.

13. The erection of buildings shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the general treasury of this Society, or fully provided for, nor until the erection of said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same shall have been approved by the Board of Trustees of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

14. The President and Recording Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be empowered to sign all deeds and contracts for the Society. The Treasurer shall be empowered to sign all notes of the Society.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of the Bureau having charge of the work, which shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and Schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. At the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers and assistants, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees and paid by order of the Society.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly or through their Superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work as per blank provided, sending one copy to the General Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. It shall be the aim in our Industrial Schools to provide: (1) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4) Instruction in dressmaking and cutting, making and mending plain garments or ordinary wearing apparel; (5) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6) Kindergarten and kitchen-garden training; (7) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a Committee on Literature consisting of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Society, the Editor of *Woman's Home Missions*, the Editor of Publications, and the Secretary of Literature.

2. This Committee shall secure and furnish information relating to the various Bureaus and mission fields in the form of Books, Booklets, and Leaflets; upon application send such information out for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings as will aid in the dissemination of Home Missionary intelligence. All leaflets, booklets, etc., bearing the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the bills for printing which are to be paid from the treasury, shall receive the approval of the Committee on Literature before being put to press.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the Board of Trustees as will be of interest to the Society or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?

8. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing and millinery?

10. Are you able to give instruction in housekeeping, including cooking?

11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. 1. The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) Good health; (4) Educational fitness; (5) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) Aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

4. When a candidate has been approved by the Board of Trustees, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission field.

5. The Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting in April shall make a special examination of the work of the missionaries during the past year, and appoint them for the coming year.

6. A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also her return expenses when she is recalled by the Board of Trustees; and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall not exceed $40 per month.

VII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.

2. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

3. The Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committee at its first meeting next succeeeding the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

4. At the quarterly meetings written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

5. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. This Committee shall report its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled to a seat and the privilege of discussion.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2) Reading the minutes of last meeting; (3) Reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4) Reports of Special Committees; (5) Unfinished business; (6) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the Chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1) Business; (2) Scholarships; (3) Missionary Candidates; (4) Annual Meeting; (5) Literature; (6) *Woman's Home Missions;* (7) Transportation; (8) Mite-boxes; (9) Bequest and Devise; (10) Insurance; (11) Thank-offering; (12) Office.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it. This Executive Board shall determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, un-

less these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of Standing Committees, of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and of a delegate and alternate as provided in Section VII, No. 3, Young People's Work.

3. Order of business: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Introduction of delegates; (3) Appointment of committees; (4) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5) Report of Treasurer; (6) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7) Reports of District Officers; (8) Reports of Secretaries of Departments; (9) Reports of committees; (10) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (11) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) Annual Meeting; (2) By-laws; (3) *Woman's Home Missions.*

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The four general officers, President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected by ballot. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference. No Conference Society shall be allowed to have salaried officers except the Conference Organizer, and her salary shall be such as has been provided for by the By-laws of the Society.

8. Every Auxiliary Society and Young People's Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate for each twenty members, and fraction thereof. Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies of less than twenty members shall be entitled to one delegate; also the Board of Management of a Deaconess Home or Mission Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, Secretaries of Departments, and Conference Organizers, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her district. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the District Superintendent and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blanks tnd receive reports, and to forward a report by the 1st of October, January, April, and July to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, and to secure a report from Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries for Conference and District Annual Meetings. In the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, she shall also secure reports from Circles and Bands.

11. There shall be a Supply Secretary, a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary for Young People's Work, a Secretary for Home Missionary Reading Circle, Secretary of Systematic Beneficence, Secretary of Literature, Sec-

retary of Temperance, and such other Secretaries as the exigencies of the work demand, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board. Each Conference Society shall also select a Manager for National Training Schools.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ———— on the —— of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues, honorary membership dues, or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Mite-box and Thank-offering funds raised under the auspices of the Society shall be devoted *only* to some department of the work of the Society.

15. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys and vouchers sent to the General Treasurer.

16. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute twenty cents a member annually, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliaries.

17. As soon as practicable, each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

18. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the district. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

19. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods for organizing Auxiliaries and the amount of renumeration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

20. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective Organizers.

21. In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists of traveling expense and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance.

22. The accounts of such organizers shall be audited each month by an Auditing Committee, appointed by the Conference Board for this purpose, before sending bills to the General Treasurer.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the Auxiliaries the —— of ———, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

NOTE.—In Conferences where the interests of the work demand it, supplementary by-laws adapted to the local needs may be adopted by the Conference Annual Meeting, provided they do not conflict with the spirit of the Constitution.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the ———— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Art. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the district if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

Art. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ———— District shall be a member of the Association.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Secretaries of departments as are necessary to the promotion of the work. The five General Officers, viz., President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, after having been nominated, shall be elected by ballot.

Art. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of September, of December, of March, and of June, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of October, January, April, and July. The Treasurer shall hold the Contingent Fund of the district, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 6. There shall be an Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association.

Art. 7. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ————, Auxiliary to the ———— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of the needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

Art. 3. Any person paying one dollar per year may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, and such other Department Secretaries as may be thought advisable, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ———— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ———— day of ————, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be amended only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and to provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati. It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions.*

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Literature to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. She shall keep a file of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and the Annual Reports for reference; take and forward orders for the same. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the Auxiliary.

7. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Reports from members of work done; (4) Report of Treasurer, in writing; (5) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (6) Unfinished business; (7) Miscellaneous business; (8) "Concert Lesson;" (9) Adjournment.

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. There shall be a Contingent Fund of twenty cents per member, provided either by assessment or by a penny collection at the regular meetings, or by any other method devised by the Auxiliary.

11. Each woman connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

12. These By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meetings of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I.

It shall be the duty of the Department of Young People's Work (1) to awaken and sustain interest among young people in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; (2) to organize Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles.

Young women paying annual dues of one dollar, with ten cents Contingent Fund, may be organized into Auxiliaries. Young people paying five cents a month (fifty cents annually for General and ten cents for Contingent Fund) may be organized into Queen Esther Circles, and may be under the supervision of an older person called a Director.

Conferences having ten or more Young People's organizations may elect a young woman as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.—Local Organization.

Section 1. This Society shall be called Young Woman's Auxiliary or Queen Esther Circle of ..... Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sec. 2. The object of this organization shall be to interest young people in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to learn of the need for missionary work in our own country and what is being done to meet it, and to raise funds for such work.

Sec. 3. Any young person fourteen years of age or over, paying fifty cents dues per annum and ten cents Contingent Fund may be a member of the Queen Esther Circle.

Any young person paying one dollar dues and ten cents Contingent Fund annually may be a member of the Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Any person paying one dollar per year dues may become an honorary member of either organization.

Sec. 4. The officers of these organizations shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Literature, a Secretary of Supplies, a Secretary of Home Mission Reading Circles, and a Mite-box Secretary.

Sec. 5. Meetings of this Society shall be held at ..... on the ..... of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be held in June of each year, at which time reports shall be made and officers elected for the coming year.

Sec. 6. This Constitution may be changed only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President in her absence and shall seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct list of the members and records of the proceedings of the Society, and shall provide the pastor with notices of its meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and send quarterly reports of its work to the District Secretary of Young People's Work, if there be one; if not, to the Conference Secretary of Young People's Work. If there be neither District nor Con-

ference Secretary for this department, she shall send such reports to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. She shall also notify the same officers of changes in the officers of the Society.

5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all money of the Society. She shall collect membership dues, keep a book account thereof, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer. Aside from dues, pledges, and mite-box money, a Contingent Fund shall also be provided for the expenses of the Society.

6. The Vice-President and Director shall be members of the Program Committee, and other members may be added.

7. The Mite-box Secretary shall secure and distribute mite-boxes to members of the Society and to others, that thus interest may be created and the work helped. At a designated meeting the mite-boxes shall be opened by a committee, of which the Mite-box Secretary shall be Chairman. This committee shall report to the Society the amount of money collected, paying the same to the Treasurer, and shall also report to the District Mite-box Secretary.

8. The Secretary of Literature shall order the leaflets, periodicals, text-books, and other publications connected with the work of the Circle or Auxiliary. It is also her special duty to urge the securing and use of the same.

9. The Secretary of Reading Circles shall urge the organization of Reading Circles and Home Mission Study Classes aside from the regular meetings of the Society, in accordance with the plans made by the General Secretary of Reading Circles.

10. The Secretary of Supplies shall seek to arouse interest in this department by making the Society familiar with the needs and calls for such help on the frontier and from our homes and schools, as well as from local interests, such as Deaconess Work, that are under the control of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

11. The Society may give public literary and musical entertainments, at which full reports may be made, thus arousing sympathy and interest in the Church for its work. Such entertainments, whatever the program, should always emphasize the thought and work of Home Missions.

12. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

13. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: Devotional service; reading of minutes; report (or statement) of Treasurer; report of Corresponding Secretary; discussion of plans of work; unfinished and miscellaneous business; program; adjournment.

14. These By-laws may be amended only at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, one month's notice of such intention having been given.

CONSTITUTION FOR HOME GUARDS.

Article 1. This organization shall be called the ..... Home Guards of ..... Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this organization is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward .

Art. 3. The officers of this organization shall be a lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the organization; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Correspond-

ing Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

Art. 4. Any child or young person, fourteen years of age or under, with consent or parents or guardians, may become a member of the Home Guards by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee. The payment of $2.50 shall constitute a life membership.

Art. 5. The Home Guards may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 6. The Home Guards may support a beneficiary, furnish mission supplies, or assist in any department of missionary work they may desire, provided the work chosen be approved by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or the Board of Trustees of the General Society.

Art. 7. This organization may become a part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing to its work in its various fields, and all work done by them shall be under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money and vouchers must be sent through their Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer.

Art. 8. The annual meeting of the Home Guards for the election of officers shall be held on .....

Art. 9. This Constitution can be amended by the Board of Trustees of the General Society. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR HOME GUARDS.

1. The meetings of this organization shall be held on ..... of every .....

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Vice-Presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their Societies and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

4. Order of exercises for regular meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Report of Treasurer; (4) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (5) Report of Home Guards; (6) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (7) Program; (8) Adjournment.

5. These By-laws may be amended with the consent of the Auxiliary with which the Society is connected.

CONSTITUTION FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Mothers' Jewels of ..... Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society is to help other children by working with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 3. Any boy or girl ten years old or younger may join this Society by paying dues of ten cents a year. The payment of one dollar shall constitute a Mothers' Jewel life membership.

Art. 4. The Society shall be under the charge of an adult leader, and its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Art. 5. The members of the Society shall raise money under the direction of their leader (in addition to paying the dues), to help take care of children in the various Homes of our Society.

BY-LAWS FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

1. The time and place of meetings and the programs for the same shall be under the direction of the leader.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(***Personal Estate***)—*I give and bequeath to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of* ..... *and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

DEVISE—(***Real Estate***)—*I give and devise to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:* .... *to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

RATES OF ANNUITY.

Where it is practical, in the place of making a bequest, it is far better to convert property into cash and place the same in the treasury of the Missionary Society at once, on the annuity plan. By so doing all possibility of litigation is avoided and a fair income is assured.

The following rates are given:

To persons from 50 to 55 years of age.....4 per cent
To persons from 56 to 60 years of age.....4½ per cent
To persons from 61 to 65 years of age.....5 per cent
To persons from 66 to 70 years of age.....5½ per cent
To persons 70 years and over .....6 per cent

Special cases shall be arranged for by the Trustees having in charge bequests and annuities.

This plan removes all risk of broken wills through skill of lawyers and uncertainty of courts.

DONATION $1,000.	ANNUITY 5%

CERTIFICATE OF ANNUITY.

(Insert donor's name.) (Insert residence.)

..... *of* .....

having donated the sum of **One Thousand Dollars** *to THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, subject, however, to the payment by said Society of an* **annuity** *of five per cent per annum on said sum for and during her natural life, which donation has been accepted, subject to the condition aforesaid; NOW, THEREFORE, said Society hereby agrees to pay said annuity to the order of said donor in semi-annual installments, being the sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars,** *payable on the first day of January, and a like sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars,** *payable on the first day of July of each and every year hereafter, so long as the said* ..... *shall live; and after her death said Society shall not be subject to any payment on account of said donation.*

This Society *shall have the immediate right to use said donation for any of its purposes.*

In Witness Whereof *said Society has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed at the City of Cincinnati, by Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, its Treasurer, thereunto duly authorized, this*.....*day of*..... *one thousand nine hundred and*.....

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BY

.....

TREASURER.

CORPORATE SEAL.

NOTE.—Form of Annuity Certificate. The above form is for a donation of $1,000, with annuity of five per cent. It can readily be changed either in amount or in the rate per cent, or in both, so as to comply with the facts and contract in each case.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to become incorporated under the laws of Ohio, in such cases made and provided, do hereby subscribe and acknowledge the following Articles of Incorporation :

First. The name of the corporation shall be "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

Second. The said corporation shall be located at *Cincinnati*, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Third. The said corporation is not for profit, but is wholly benevolent and charitable.

Fourth. The purpose and objects of the corporation shall be to enlist and organize Christian women to labor in behalf of needy and destitute women and children in all parts of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in educational and missionary work; to employ women to work in destitute localities; to instruct the ignorant and unfortunate in the practice of industry and economy; and in the principles of sanitary law and morality, and to establish schools and evangelistic agencies throughout the United States and Territories.

Thus done and certified at *Cincinnati, Ohio*, this *20th* day of *November*, A. D., *1884*.

ELIZA G. DAVIS,	[Seal.]
ELIZABETH RUST,	[Seal.]
E. J. FOWLER WILLING,	[Seal.]
M. E. AMPT,	[Seal.]
LOUISA HEMESETH.	[Seal.]

The State of Ohio, Hamilton County, ss.:

Be it remembered that on the *20th* day of *November*, *1884*, before me the subscriber, a *Notary Public* in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared *Eliza G. Davis*, *Elizabeth Rust*, *E. J. Fowler Willing*, *M. E. Ampt*, and *Louisa Hemeseth*, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and severally acknowledged that they respectively signed and sealed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my *Notarial Seal*, the day and year last aforesaid.

WM. J. T. WILSON,
Notary Public, Hamilton County, O.

(SEAL.)

The State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, ss.:

I, *Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas*, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in this office that *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, was at the time of taking such proof, or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized to administer oaths, to take acknowledgments of deeds, etc.

And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate, or proof of acknowledgment, is genuine. I further certify that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Cincinnati, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1884.

{(SEAL.)}

Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk.
By Richard C. Rohner, Deputy.

(Certificate under Section 906, Revised Statutes of the United States.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
STATE OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State of the State of Ohio*, and being the officer who, under the Constitution and Laws of said State, is duly constituted the keeper of the record of articles of incorporation of all companies incorporated under the laws thereof, and the records of all papers relating to the creation of said incorporated companies, and empowered to authenticate exemplifications of the same, do hereby certify that the annexed instrument is an exemplified copy, carefully prepared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct, of the Articles of Incorporation of "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," filed in this office on the *22d* day of *November*, A. D. *1884*, and recorded in *Volume 31*, *Page 242*, of the *Records of Incorporations;* that said exemplification is in due form and made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto attached my official signature and the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, at Columbus, this 1st day of March, A. D., 1902.

LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State.*
[Signed.]

SEAL.

BUREAUS.

COLORED WORK.

GEORGIA.—Thayer Home, South Atlanta, Ga., 1883.
Haven Home, Speedwell Home, Savannah, Ga., 1885.

FLORIDA.—Boylan Home Industrial Training School, Jacksonville, Fla., 1886.
Brewster Hospital and Nurse Training School, Jacksonville, Fla., 1901.
Emerson Memorial Home and School, Ocala, 1893.

EAST CENTRAL STATES.—Allen Industrial Home, Asheville, N. C.
Lurandus Beach Industrial School, N. C.
Browning Industrial Home, Camden, S. C.
Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

WEST CENTRAL STATES.—Kent Industrial Home, Greensboro, N. C., 1885.
New Jersey Conference Industrial Home, Morristown, Tenn., 1892.

WEST SOUTHERN STATES.—Adaline Smith Industrial Home, Little Rock, Ark.
Peck School of Domestic Science and Art, New Orleans, La.
English and Italian Mission, New Orleans.

MISSISSIPPI.—Elizabeth L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, 1884.

TEXAS.—King Industrial Home, Marshall, Texas, 1891.
Eliza Dee Industrial Home, Austin, Texas, 1904.

WHITE WORK.

ALABAMA AND GEORGIA.—Rebecca McClesky Industrial Home, Boaz, Ala.
Settlement Work, Cedartown, Ga.

MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE.—Bennett Industrial Home, Clarkson, Miss.
Bennett Academy, Clarkson, Miss., 1884.
Elizabeth Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn., 1891.
American Highlanders.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Ebenezer Mitchell Home and School, Lenoir, N. C.
Community Schools.

UTAH.—Schools, Homes, and Missions in Salt Lake City, Provo, Elsinore, Logan, Mt. Pleasant, Moroni, Spring City, Ogden, and Ephraim.

KENTUCKY.—Harlan, Ky., 1912.
Olive Hill, Ky., 1912.

SPANISH WORK.

NEW MEXICO (Spanish and English).—Harwood Industrial Home and School, Fourteenth and Fruit Ave., Albuquerque, N. M., 1896.
Tucson Industrial School, Seventh Ave., Tucson, Ariz., 1906.
Settlement Work, El Paso, Texas.

SPANISH WORK ON PACIFIC COAST.—Frances DePauw Spanish Industrial School, Los Angeles, Cal., 1889.

PORTO RICO.—George O. Robinson Orphanage and Industrial Home for Girls, San Juan, Porto Rico.
McKinley Kindergarten, San Juan, Porto Rico.
McKinley Kindergarten, Puerta de Tierra, Porto Rico.
Fisk Kindergarten, Ponce, Porto Rico.
Williams Kindergarten, Vieques Island, Porto Rico.

INDIAN WORK.

INDIAN AND MEXICAN WORK.—Navajo Mission, Farmington, N. M., 1890.

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.—The Pottawatomies, Mayette, Kan.
The Poncas, White Eagle, Okla.

PACIFIC COAST.—Nooksack Indian Mission, Everson, Wash.
Yuma Indian Mission, Yuma, Ariz.
Greenville Indian Mission, Greenville, Cal.

CHINESE WORK.

Oriental Home for Chinese Girls, Washington St., San Francisco, Cal.
Missions in San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles.

JAPANESE AND KOREAN WORK.

Susannah Wesley Home, 1444 King St., Honolulu, H. I.
Ellen Stark Ford Home, 2025 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.
Jane Crouch Memorial Home, 1350 S. Burlington Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
David and Margaret Home, Los Angeles, Cal., 1910.
Katherine J. Blaine Home, 11th and Terrace Sts., Seattle, Wash.

ALASKA WORK.

Jesse Lee Industrial Home, Unalaska, Alaska, 1890.
Hilah Seward Industrial Home, Sinuk, Alaska, 1909.
Settlement, Nome, Alaska, 1911.

IMMIGRANT WORK.

Immigrant Girls' Home, 9 State St., New York, N. Y., 1889.
Immigrant Girls' Home, 72-74 Marginal St., East Boston, Mass., 1888.
Philadelphia Immigrant Work, 1889-1897.
Philadelphia Immigrant Station, 1897.
Angel Island, San Francisco, Cal., 1911.

CITY WORK.

E. E. Marcy Center, Chicago, Ill., 1884.
Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1890.
Hull Street and Medical Mission, Boston, Mass.
Italian Mission, Rochester, N. Y.
Utica Italian Settlement, Utica, N. Y.
Anthracite Slavonic Mission, Hazelton, Pa.

ORPHANAGES.

Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb., 1890.
Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, Ill., 1895.
Watts de Peyster Industrial Home and School for Girls, Tivoli, N. Y.
Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home, Hulton, Pa.

Deaconess Work.

DEACONESS BUREAUS.

Eastern, Central, Western, Pacific Coast, Utah, Colored.

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR DEACONESSES AND MISSIONARIES.

Lucy Webb Hayes, Washington, D. C., 1891.
Kansas City, 1899.
San Francisco, 1893.
McCrum (Slavonic), Uniontown, Pa., 1909.
Grace (Colored), Nashville, Tenn., 1911.

CONFERENCE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Aldrich Memorial (Michigan Conference), Grand Rapids, Mich., 1897.
Brooklyn Training School (N. Y. East Conf.), Brooklyn, N. Y., 1892.
Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial (New York East Conference), New Haven, Conn., 1905.
Iowa Bible Training School (Des Moines Conference), Des Moines, Iowa, 1899.

HOSPITALS.

Beth-El Deaconess Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Burge Deaconess Hospital, 1327 Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
The Ellen B. Flower Deaconess Home and Hospital, 3336 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
Graham Protestant Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa.
The Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of the State of Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind.
The Methodist Hospital of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.
Sibley Memorial Hospital, 1150 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C.
Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., 1901.

REST HOMES.

Bancroft Rest Home, 74 Cookman Ave., Ocean Grove, N. J.
Caroline Rest Home, Round Lake, N. Y.
Elmira Olney Rest Cottage, Epworth near Ludington, Mich.
Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage, Ridgeview Park, Ridgeview, Pa.
Thompson Rest Home, Mountain Lake Park, Md.
Wing Rest Home, Huntington Beach, Cal.

EMERGENCY HOME.

Methodist Episcopal Emergency Home for Girls, St. Louis, Mo.

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